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Moscow curfew declared as Yeltsin fears attack on Russian parliament

Two Kremlin coup leaders quit with junta in disarray

From Mary Dejevsky in Moscow

THE forces of democracy and military dictatorship squared up for battle in Moscow last night as hundreds of thousands of civilian volunteers, with unarmed women in the front line, gathered to defend the building of the Russian parliament against the might of the Soviet army.

In a fighting speech to a mass rally early in the day, Boris Yeltsin, had pledged to hold out for as long as it took to remove the "illegal junta and bring it to justice. Demand their immediate resignation and bring them to justice," he had urged, to the roar of the crowd.

Inside the building, parliamentary deputies, catering staff and volunteer fighters – some from the special interior ministry units – milled around trying to co-ordinate plans for the seige. Orthodox priests were called to give communion to fighters prepared to "stand to the death" for democracy and for Russia.

As troops were placed on alert to attack the Russian parliament, the first split appeared in the self-styled State Committee for the State of Emergency, with the announcement that the Soviet defence minister, Marshal Dmitri Yazov, had resigned. Mr Yazov, regarded as a Gorbachev supporter, was immediately replaced by General Mikhail Moiseyev, the more hardline chief of staff of the armed forces. The prime minister, Valentin Pavlov, was also replaced on the committee, officially because he was suffering from high blood pressure. His duties were taken over by Vitaly Doguzhiyev, a deputy prime minister. CBS also reported that the KGB chief, Vladimir Kryuchkov, was sick.

Through the day, the emergency committee, headed by acting president Gennadi Yanayev, had tightened its grip on central Moscow, insulating the Kremlin and surrounding areas from the rest of the city. Tanks and armoured personnel carriers were stationed in the centre and only authorised vehicles were being allowed beyond the inner ring road. A curfew was announced to start at 11pm.

The new regime also announced a series of uncompromising decrees and resolutions designed to tighten censorship, crack down on economic crime and enforce decisions of the emergency committee. Mr Yanayev issued a decree annulling all decrees issued by Mr Yeltsin in his capacity as Russian leader since the coup as illegitimate and incitements to confrontation. There were also unconfirmed reports that arrest warrants had been issued for Mr Yeltsin and for the chairman of the Russian defence committee, Konstantin Kobets.

Two prominent radical deputies were reported to have been detained by plainclothes, probably KGB, officers. Their supporters questioned the legitimacy of the warrants, and claimed that their parliamentary immunity from arrest had been violated.

The cabinet of ministers – or Soviet government – was reported to have met to discuss urgent economic measures, including securing nationwide energy supplies. The first special economic provision was issued: a ban on all purchases of foreign currency by private individual for travel abroad. The measure was justified by the acute shortage of foreign exchange.

In the morning, the Russian leadership had its first indirect encounter with the new regime when three representatives – the vice-president, Aleksandr Rutskoi, acting chairman of the Russian parliament, Ruslan Khasbulatov, and the prime minister, Ivan Silayev – met the chairman of the Soviet parliament, Anatoli Lukyanov, to hand over a list of nine demands.

These included a meeting with President Gorbachev; a World Health Organisation medical examination of Mr Gorbachev, with publication of the results, and his immediate restoration to power in the event that the findings are satisfactory. The Russian leadership also called for the lifting of censorship, the cancellation of the state of emergency in the Russian Federation, the withdrawal of all troops and the disbandment of the emergency committee.

Vice-President Rutskoi said that Russian leaders had refused to meet Mr Yanayev, regarding him as a usurper, and insisted that Mr Lukyanov was the only remaining legitimate member of the Soviet leadership. Mr Lukyanov promised to convey their demands to the Emergency Committee.

The demands were reported at the midday mass rally at the Russian parliament which was addressed by many leading figures of the Soviet democratic movement, including the widow of Andrei Sakharov, Yelena Bonner, the economist, Stanislav Shatalin, and former foreign minister, Edvard Shevardnadze.

Through the day, a number of influential public figures denounced the takeover and called for the restoration of President Gorbachev. They included the president of Kazakhstan, Nursultan Nazarbayev, who issued a statement condemning the coup and demanding to hear from former President Gorbachev.

The head of the Russian Orthodox Church, Patriarch Aleksi II, demanded that Mr Gorbachev be allowed to make a television address and said that questions about the fate of the former leader and the legality of the takeover were worrying millions. "At this moment, it is necessary to hear the voice of President Gorbachev and find out his attitude towards the events taking place."

Two prominent Gorbachev supporters and members of his security council – Yevgeni Primakov and Vadim Bakatin – also dissociated themselves from the coup, while the constitutional review committee, the constitutional watchdog established by Mr Gorbachev, issued a cautious statement stressing that all that all provisions of the constitution had to be observed to the letter, implying that they had not been.

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A portrait of protest: a Soviet soldier demonstrating his support for Boris Yeltsin in Moscow yesterday with a picture of the Russian leader pasted on the side of his tank

Weaknesses of hardmen give hope for future

Mary Dejevsky, correspondent for The Times in Moscow, in a personal view of a very Russian coup, says the Soviet people yearn for a strong leader

Standing yesterday in the heart of the chanting crowd outside the white and gilt Russian parliament building it was possible to believe that the time alloted to Gennadi Yanayev's coup was numbered in days if not hours.

Even if that ecstatic level of opposition was not to be sustained, surely civil disobedience from a sullen population would make the takeover unsustainable?

Driving in late afternoon towards the Kremlin through a city under armed guard and stuffed with military hardware, however, it was hard to believe that the resistance, however spirited, could survive at all. So concentrated was the army's hold on the city's fortress-centre, that the few tanks that had reportedly changed sides could make no difference. The battle was over, and the victors had only to spread their grip outwards from the Kremlin. Anything else was wishful thinking.

Such were the conflicting impressions on the second day of the anti-Gorbachev coup. Yet neither impression determines whether the change of power that took place early on Monday morning can be sustained. Ultimately, it will be the correlation of old to new forces in key positions that will decide: the courage – perhaps under live fire – of central political figures, and the will of ordinary people to resist.

Immediately after the coup, the chief law officer of the Russian Federation was pessimistic. He said that the self-styled State Committee for the State of Emergency had secured reliable foundations. It appeared to have the military industrial complex, that constellation of heavy and precision industries which is centrally controlled and run; the armed forces, the KGB and the interior ministry, which is reponsible for the police and has its own troops, including the feared OMON special forces. There is also the apparatus of the Communist party.

Such a catalogue of strength assumes, however, that each of these pillars of the Soviet system stands firm, and for the past year the cracks in each have started to show. The real question to which no one can hazard an accurate answer is whether the cracks are such that outside pressure will widen or heal them.

The army, perhaps unexpectedly, may be the weakest link. It is deeply split: along hierarchical lines, along ideological lines – for and against reform of its own institutions – and along national lines. Not only Slavs versus the increasing numbers of Asiatic conscripts are at issue, but republican loyalties against loyalty to the Soviet Union.

During the Gorbachev years, the KGB also became increasingly divided as to its chief purpose: was it domestic surveillance of the old type, or sophisticated crime prevention? There are doubtless sufficient of the old school left to reinvigorate the pre-Gorbachev *esprit de corps*.

The ruling Communist party is split ideologically in many directions. But it is the sort of institution which, if mortally threatened, is more likely to unite than disintegrate. Mr Yanayev's coup offers its declining forces hope that their erstwhile power and influence can be restored. Their organisational structures are still in place and despite a drop of nearly a quarter in membership over the past year, more than 15 million remain – by far the

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Mikhail Gorbachev and two key aides are being held by the KGB in the Crimea, an official of the Russian Federation said yesterday. A regional commander ordered his presidential 134 jet and helicopter grounded at Foros, the location of the presidential retreat, when the coup was launched. Mr Gorbachev's staff, his hi-tech communications gear and the aircraft were flown out later, as troops sealed off the area. (Reuter)

EC freezes £625m aid

From George Brock in The Hague

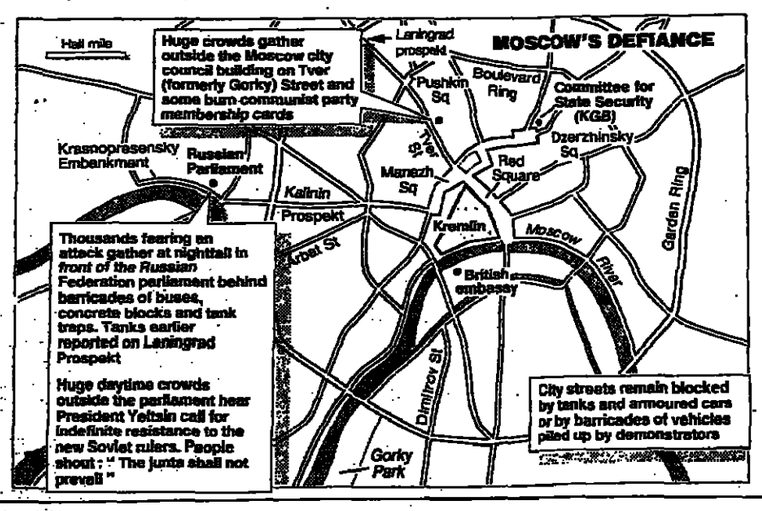
EUROPE'S foreign ministers last night condemned the Moscow coup, froze economic co-operation with the Soviet Union and scheduled an emergency summit of EC leaders at the end of this week.

The ministers demanded that the organisers of the coup stick to the letter and spirit of the Soviet constitution and to the country's obligations under international agreements such as last November's Paris Charter of human rights. They insisted that President Gorbachev be reinstated and suspended £625 million worth of technical help and credit. Deliveries of £175m emergency food aid will continue as long as the EC is able to check that the food is going to people in need.

The statement rejected any claim to legality made by the new regime in Moscow, saying that its first decrees suppressing democratic bodies and imposing media controls left "no doubt as to the true nature of the regime". The community, the statement said, held "those now in power accountable for the possible consequences of their action for the stability, security and co-operation in Europe and for international relations in general".

A suggestion by the Irish foreign minister that a team of ministers should go immediately to Moscow to try and see Mr Gorbachev for themselves was rebuffed. The Dutch government, which holds the rotating EC presidency at the moment, has been asked to try to make contact with the deposed president and his colleagues and will report to the summit. The short informal meeting of the EC leaders will probably be held here on Friday. Nato's sixteen foreign ministers meet

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What is it with August, the wicked month?

By Peter Barnard

ON AUGUST 15, 1903, Joseph Pulitzer announced that he was giving $2 million to Columbia university, partly to fund what has become America's most cherished journalism prize. This was either a noble gesture or a desperate attempt by Pulitzer to find something interesting in his morning paper, even if it had to be about himself.

August is traditionally regarded as the month when nothing much happens. Tell that to Mikhail Gorbachev. Or George Bush. "What is it with August?" Mr Bush asked yesterday, a question as rhetorical this year as it was last, when Iraq invaded Kuwait.

What the so-called silly season really means is a time of year when many of the media's standard props have taken themselves off to the beach. But in most years the void left by such institutions as parliament, the judiciary, schools and industry is filled by the unexpected.

Mr Gorbachev took himself off to the Crimea; possibly under the misapprehension that even his many enemies had to rest some time. He should have known that this was a conjunction of the wrong place and the wrong time *par excellence*. Nikita Khrushchev, the last Soviet reformer, was deposed while on holiday in the Crimea, though not in August, and Leon Trotsky, statesman and marxist theoretician, had his career terminated by an ice axe 41 years ago today. The Soviet Union in its various guises has supplied some salutary 20th-century lessons during this month: the Russo-Japanese armistice in 1905, a failed attempt to assassinate Lenin in 1918, the concrete (as opposed to the barbed wire) beginnings of the Berlin Wall in 1961 and the invasion of Czechoslovakia in 1968.

Many leaders have found August to be a wicked month. President Saddam Hussein may pour more concrete atop his several bunkers if he recalls the assassination of General Bakr Sidki Pasha, a notably brutal predecessor, in August 1937. The month has also been terminal, through natural and unnatural causes, for a president of Chile (died 1910), a prime minister of Jordan (assassinated 1960), a pope (died 1978), a duke (of Kent, killed in plane crash, 1942) and an emperor (Haile Selassie, died 1975).

Others have not so much fallen from grace in August as started to wonder when their fingertips would lose contact with the ledge. In 1973, for example, Richard Nixon's Watergate protestations as to what he didn't know and when he didn't know it were close to prising him loose.

The two world wars have had August touchstones. The first began when Germany invaded Belgium (and Britain declared war on Germany) on August 1914. Adolf Hitler became

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Yeltsin thriving on unique power of the ballot box

Richard Owen looks at the scale of support for the president of the Russian Federation who is the focus of resistance to the hardline Kremlin coup, and examines how long he will be able to continue his defiant stand

The sight of Boris Yeltsin climbing on to a tank and urging resistance and rebellion, this week, had his ardent supporters comparing him to Lenin in the heady days of 1917. The barricades which have sprung up in Moscow, in what until only a few years ago were streets ruled by fear and iron discipline, add to this impression of a collapsing old order, with the hardline coup a last-ditch attempt to preserve a discredited system.

Lenin was the man who matched the turbulent times of the October Revolution. Is Boris Nikolayevich Yeltsin, roaring defiance and determination as the tanks head for his beleaguered parliament, the man whose time has come in 1991?

Much will depend on whether the coup leaders continue to blunder. No seizure of power is orderly, and 1917 was certainly far more of a shambles than the myth would suggest. But Gennadi Yanayev and, more particularly, the military and KGB figures for whom he is a front, have made errors.

Having moved half-heartedly in the early hours of the coup, they made the mistake, from their point of view, of failing to detain Mr Yeltsin at the outset. Presumably they feared the explosion of popular anger which would follow such an act. Yet rumours sweeping the "White House", as the Russian Federation parliament is known, suggested yesterday that at this late hour the new leaders were about to try to arrest him. John Major reported Mr Yeltsin as saying his "time was limited".

Such a move is dangerous indeed. Why arrest Mr Yeltsin at this juncture when the crowds backing him are growing? It would test to breaking point the loyalty of those army officers who used to answer, in a less complicated Soviet Union, to the monolithic Communist party, but who now feel an obligation (to put it no higher) to Mr Yeltsin. Some army officers – no one can be sure yet how many – accept his authority, and object to a return to "illegality". Half of the army barracks in Sverdlovsk, his home town, voted for him in the Russian presidential elections in June, as did 80per cent of the sailors in the Russian fleet.

His one great strength, apart from the sheer force of his personality, is that he is a popularly elected Russian leader – the first in 70 years. Notions of legitimacy and democracy have begun to take hold, and many Russians will not tolerate the KGB laying hands on a man they voted into high office by an overwhelming majority only two months ago.

There are Russians, especially disgruntled factory workers and middle-ranking managers, who distrust Mr Yeltsin. One trade union official at a Moscow machine tool plant said this week that he would obey the instructions of the emergency committee – the new regime – because the Soviet economy was in a state of anarchy and had to be restored through discipline and order. This hankering after old certainties remains a powerful emotion.

But part of Mr Yeltsin's appeal is precisely that he himself is a tough, slightly authoritarian leader. His alleged like of hard drink, his burly physique, his earthy Russian language, all win the immediate approval of Russians in farms and factories. He is a populist, with a direct link to the people who elected him. When he was elected Russian president last year by Russian MPs in the new parliament – before his election by popular vote this June – the impact on ordinary Russians was electrifying. The atmosphere inside the chamber was euphoric, as delegate after delegate declared support for Mr Yeltsin, defying hardline communist opposition. He beat the communist candidate by a breathtakingly slim margin.

Afterwards, he strode out on to Red Square and, to the delight of the waiting crowd, walked to his own car rather than a chauffer-driven limousine. It was a deliberate gesture, but brilliantly calculated. The crowd erupted in approval, waving a forest of red, white and blue flags, the flag of old Russia which Mr Yeltsin and his followers in Democratic Russia have adopted to replace the hammer and sickle. Women in headscarves reached out to him, tears pouring down their cheeks as he passed. Placards read: "Boris Nikolayevich, you are our saviour". It was as if he met a deep Russian need for a strong leader "from the people".

There were similar reactions recently when he met miners in Siberia, part of his vast terrotorial empire. He has rock-solid support in the Urals, his home region and part of the Russian industrial heartland. He has backing too from the increasingly influential Russian Orthodox Church. The highlight of his investiture in the Kremlin last month was a blessing from Patriarch Alexis II.

Less certain is the extent to which Mr Yeltsin enjoys support among Russian KGB and army officers. For that matter, many of the old style communist bureaucrats, who still hold senior positions in Russian republican ministries, are out of tune with his free-wheeling style and policies. They still resent his assaults on privilege and corruption. They resent the way in which a man, who in his early career had been a loyal provincial apparatchik in Sverdlovsk, adopted a populist, unconventional manner on rising to become Moscow city party boss. The Old Guard is still frustrating Mr Yeltsin's attempt to translate into reality his assertion that he "controls" Russian organisations.

His main handicap, and one on which the coup leaders may well be counting, is that he no longer has Russian radio, television and newspapers with which to make his message heard. On the other hand the huge roar which greeted his emergence from the Russian parliament yesterday will echo across Moscow to the Kremlin. His scathing attacks on the "conspirators and putschists" will be carried by word of mouth, as will his call for a general strike and his declaration that democracy will survive and dictatorship perish.

Mr Yeltsin is the repository of the hopes of millions of Russians, who had a chance to elect a man who symbolised the end of communism, and did so.



People's man: Yeltsin waving to crowds outside the Russian parliament building yesterday



They shall not pass: two people standing on top of barricades erected by protesters outside the Russian Federation building yesterday in Moscow

PROTEST

Proud Russians cheer defiant leaders

From MARY DEJEVSKY IN MOSCOW

AN APPARENTLY endless crowd of solemn Muscovites stood shoulder to shoulder yesterday outside the Russian parliament, roaring their support for President Yeltsin, Russia and democracy. "The fascist junta shall not pass," they chanted, and – in the traditional style of last year's Moscow demonstrations – "Yeltsin, Yeltsin" and "Down with the Communist Party of the Soviet Union".

When any speaker directly associated with the defiant stand of the Russian leadership took the microphone, the "hurrahs" echoed round the perimeter barricades. Viktor Mironov, a member of the Russian parliament, was cheered to oblivion when he listed and praised the army units which had pledged allegiance to the Russian president. These units will be the first of a Russian guard, he said to chants of "well done".

A subsequent call by a mid-ranking officer for the immediate creation of a Russian Federation army proved the most popular call of the three-hour protest, and the crowd could hardly be contained.

When Yelena Bonner, Andrei Sakharov's widow, who nowadays makes rare appearances at demonstrations, then Mr Yeltsin himself and towards the end also Eduard Shevardnadze, the former foreign minister, took the microphone, the Russian demonstrators not only cheered and roared but swelled almost visibly with pride. They felt they had a just cause and worthy leaders – and could not be defeated.

"I thank you," said Mr Yeltsin's plain-speaking deputy, a former air force pilot, "for your patriotism, for your support and your solidarity," after giving a businesslike account of the Russian delegation's talks with the chairman of the Soviet parliament, and Oleg Rumyantsev, a social democrat and constitutional lawyer, was listened to with rapt attention as he spoke of the measures that workers should take to initiate the recommended general strike.

Comparing Russia after the coup with Poland after martial law was declared, he said: "In Poland they showed many passive forms of resistance, such as placing lighted candles in their windows at night. But our junta is not such that it can be subdued by placing candles in windows." Eminently practical, Mr Rumyantsev said that such "strategic objects" as photocopiers and fax machines should be carefully guarded.

Even elderly people were helped to climb mountainous barricades to take part. Younger Muscovites clung to ceremonial Soviet statues, clambered on to trees and roofs and commandeered excavators; anything to hear and see better a celebration of democracy and nationhood that had taken almost everyone by surprise. "This is one of the most crucial moments in the history of our country," the demonstrators were told repeatedly. They believed it.

> They are ready to stay at their posts till death if need be

Huge Russian tricolours were waved defiantly. A barrage balloon, with Russian, Lithuanian and Ukrainian flags attached, hung in the air far above the crowd, and home-made banners were passed over the heads of the crowd to be posted on the balcony under the speakers to catch the television cameras.

Unlike the previous day, when people had gathered almost haphazardly in front of whatever democratic symbol their mind lighted upon, yesterday's protesters gathered from early morning in determined mood. The demonstration had been planned for the central Manezh Square, but armoured vehicles and troops had replaced the bus barricades overnight and the venue was switched.

Any speaker introduced as representing one of the "old" structures had to overcome a barrage of whistles and howls, before being able to announce his conversion to the ways of Russia and Mr Yeltsin. Any mention of Gennadi Yanayev, the acting president, was drowned in boos.

The Orthodox church made its presence felt as well. A priest and his altar boys brought two chalices to the microphone and, before giving the crowd his benediction, revealed that members of the guard inside the Russian parliament had asked to take communion. To audible silence in the 200,000 strong crowd, he said: "They are ready to remain at their posts until death, if need be."

Only once was a lighter note injected into proceedings, and then it was bitter-sweet. The Soviet Union's best-known impersonator, Gennadi Khazanov, took the microphone to a rumble of anticipation and began with snatches from his renowned imitation of Mikhail Gorbachev. "Dear comrades," he began, waving his arm in the former president's distinctive style and adopting his south Russian accent. "I feel absolutely, fine, and can think of only one thing: that no one with dirty, unwashed hands can engage in clean politics." Almost for the first time in any Soviet gathering, a popular sense of loss and almost affection could be sensed for the ousted leader.

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RUSSIAN TACTICS

Exile government is possible

By PHILIP JACOBSON

ANDREI Kozyrev, the foreign minister of the Russian Federation, yesterday raised the possibility of forming a government-in-exile to combat the authorities who have seized power in Moscow.

Speaking in Paris, where he was on an official visit when President Gorbachev was overthrown, Mr Kozyrev told journalists that, if the situation in the Soviet Union were to deteriorate, this would be a legitimate response to those who had imposed a state of emergency in the country.

Sounding a determinedly optimistic note, he said he was confident that the government of Boris Yeltsin, the Russian Federation president, would eventually triumph over the "insurgents". On the other hand, he conceded, his mission to the West – he leaves for America today – had not been entirely unconnected with the threat of action against Mr Gorbachev.

"According to our constitution and international law, a government-in-exile may be formed by the president, the prime minister or the minister for foreign affairs." In Mr Kozyrev's view, however, it would be regrettable if matters went that far. "So long as Mr Yeltsin remains in Moscow, where he is president and can exercise his power, it won't be necessary to set up any government-in-exile."

Mr Kozyrev said his mission was also intended to apply pressure on the United Nations to "condemn the use of force" in the Soviet Union. There was a very grave danger, he said, that the "destabilisation" could have an impact not only on Europe but "the entire world".

Mr Kozyrev went on to appeal to Western governments to lend their support to what he called the "forces of resistance" and to refrain from recognising the authority of the newly installed Committee of State and its declaration of a state of emergency. For the time being, he said, all economic aid should be frozen. If those who were behind the coup d'état believed that it would be easy to settle scores with their opponents, "they are making a big mistake", he added.

STRIKES

Miners' militancy will shape coup outcome

By ROGER BOYES

THE coalminers of Siberia, a hardy bunch, were striking yesterday not out of love for President Gorbachev but fealty to Boris Yeltsin who, of all Russian politicians, has campaigned most thoroughly for their cause. They are, though, one of the crucial elements in deciding the future of Mr Gorbachev: if the new hardline regime fails to win over the workers, it will surely slip from power.

The question yesterday was whether worker unrest would spread from the Siberian pits. At least five out of the 13 Vorkuta mines were reported to be on strike, others nearly paralysed by absenteeism. In the Kuzbass, half the mines were on strike. But Siberian oil drillers do not appear to be heeding the Russian leader's call to strike and are reporting for work.

So far, there has been a mixed response from Russian factories. That is partly a matter of organisational delay; strike committees are being formed and meetings held in assembly halls.

But it would not be surprising if there were only a lukewarm reaction. Mr Gorbachev is blamed for price rises, for an uncertain economic climate that threatens further inflation and unemployment while promising little. But for Mr Yeltsin's purposes, to show that the new anti-reform coalition has no popular mandate, will be enough to mobilise the workers in the Soviet energy sector.

The coal strike in March almost brought Valentin Pavlov, the prime minister, to his knees. Daily coal supplies fell to 220,000 tonnes against the 340,000 tonnes needed daily for normal production. Stocks in power stations and steel foundries were down to a few weeks, even days before the strike was settled.

The key is to bring out all the big coal-producing regions, as in 1989. But that means co-ordinating three republics' governments, in Russia, the Ukraine and Kazakhstan. It is already plain that the Russian and the Ukrainian leaderships are playing different cards in the succession struggle. Strict work discipline is being enforced in much of the Ukraine while the Kremlin game is played out. The only pockets of unrest have been reported from the western Ukraine near the Polish border.

A coal strike, however, can be organised by a relatively small number of people, many in sympathy with Mr Yeltsin, rather than Leonid Kravchuk, the Communist president of the Ukraine. Typical is Yuri Makarov, the organiser of the Donetsk coal strike. He and other organisers, who work outside the official Communist-sponsored trade union movement, have a distinctly political agenda as well as offering the usual concessions for workers in general, and miners in particular.

During the March strike, he said: "We know that only by the removal of the power structures, by the breaking of the Communist party, can we get a better life – not for us alone, but for the workers. Nothing has changed. We have a president who is leader of the Communist party [Mr Kravchuk]. What can change?" Such reasoning may bring the Ukrainian pits out in sympathy with the Siberians. If so, the outlook for Mr Gorbachev looks rosier.

It was always clear that manipulation of worker discontent could derail reform. Workers regard themselves as the principal victims of the march to a market economy: they bear the brunt of price rises, eroded pensions and fixed incomes.

The steepest fall from grace has been that of the miners. Their privileges have been eroded and they face the prospect of pit closures. The issue now is whether they can set aside this sense of grievance and pursue a strictly political goal, the reinstatement of Mr Gorbachev.



Hard-headed: : a miner speaking at a 1989 strike meeting in the Kuzbass city of Prokopyevsk

REFUGEES

Europe braces for human tide

By ROGER BOYES

A SOVIET invasion, not of tanks but of dispirited refugees, is expected to be under way within the next few weeks in Eastern Europe, but so far, at least, only a trickle has been claiming asylum.

Colonel Zbigniew Skoczylas, the head of Poland's new bureau for refugee affairs, predicted earlier this year that a coup in Moscow would lead to several thousands of Soviet asylum-seekers arriving in Poland every day. Under the Gorbachev leadership, about a dozen Soviet citizens a month – mainly Lithuanians – applied for asylum, but were rebuffed.

In the wake of the coup, the rules are under review. Colonel Skoczylas's deputy, Adam Bernatowicz, said yesterday that Poland was waiting for any information on human rights violations under the new Soviet regime before relaxing asylum rules.

But, somewhat mysteriously, the western frontiers of the Soviet Union are still open and, although thousands are indeed crossing into Poland and Czechoslovakia, they are content to come as tourists and trade illegally on the street markets. "I am waiting to see what happens to Gorbachev – I don't think this is the last word," said a Ukrainian smuggler selling perfume from a wooden crate in Warsaw.

Severin, aged 25, a Russian, was one of the hundred or so Soviet citizens thronging the bureau for refugee affairs yesterday. "We are not sure about claiming asylum yet. I could try for a residence permit or just hang on as a tourist."

According to government figures released yesterday, there are 115,000 Soviet tourists currently in Poland and a further 3,000 pilgrims, who came for the Pope's visit last week but who have not yet returned home. They are all in a state of suspension, unwilling to return home lest the frontiers are closed, yet equally reluctant to cut their links with the Soviet Union. Few of those in the refugee office yesterday were shedding tears for Mr Gorbachev, but none could imagine a way in which their life would improve under the new regime.

Swedish estimates earlier this year suggested that as many as five million Soviet citizens could flee westwards in the next two years. But that was very much a worst-case analysis assuming the outbreak of famine or a spreading civil war.

The most likely asylum-seekers are those with East European girlfriends or boyfriends or business connections. For the most part these people are active on the black market in Poland and Czechoslovakia, and they know the countries well enough to make a decision to stay for good.

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Nationalist fervour shakes empire of ethnic hotspots

The transformation of the fiefdoms held together by fear remains the biggest threat to the new Kremlin junta. **Michael Binyon** writes

THE Soviet Union is one of the world's last empires: an uneasy conglomeration of different peoples, regions, ethnic and linguistic groups. The transformation of an empire held together by coercion and fear into a voluntary union of quasi-independent nations was President Gorbachev's greatest challenge, and the issue that precipitated his downfall. It remains the most powerful threat to the junta that ousted him.

The three largest Soviet republics have already denounced the coup. Boris Yeltsin, president of the Russian Federation, is supported by the leaders of Kazakhstan and the Ukraine. The nationalist governments in Georgia, Lithuania and Latvia, former vigorous opponents of President Gorbachev's proposed Union Treaty, have also condemned his overthrow. Indeed of all the 15 Soviet republics, only Moldavia, the former Romanian territory alienated from Mr Gorbachev's government, has backed his removal.

The swirling currents of nationalism, which have already brought virtual civil war to the periphery of the country, will not be easily calmed by new decrees. The Soviet Army and the KGB, the instruments to enforce the new repression, are themselves riven by nationalist divisions.

Locally raised troops are already deserting to the opposition. Republican leaders are defying orders to enforce bans on the press and on demonstrations. Attempts by Moscow to regain economic control of vital republican resources will be challenged by large sections of the country that are already virtually independent of the discredited central planning authorities.

Over the past five years, the republics, with Mr Gorbachev's encouragement, have achieved greater autonomy than even the Communist hardliners realise. Several have virtual economic self-determination, raising their own taxes, refusing to pay levies to the centre and bypassing Moscow in trade. Kazakhstan and the Baltic republics have gone a long way to introducing a market economy.

While Lithuania's abortive struggle for independence preoccupied Moscow and the world, republics such as Georgia have declared themselves sovereign, voting out the Communists and seizing almost all control. Even in the old days, the politburo's writ was enforced only with difficulty in the outlying regions, where local party bosses ran their fiefdoms with little accountability to the centre.

Expressions of nationalist sentiment were ruthlessly suppressed by the KGB. Churches and mosques were destroyed, local cultures emasculated, traditions and education "Sovietised". But the longing for self-determination was never eradicated. As the language riots in Georgia in the early 1980s showed, where national sentiment was thwarted Moscow could not count on the loyalty even of the party.

Mr Gorbachev's liberalisation blew new life into the myriad of cultures that had existed underground. But it also fanned separatism and age-old hatreds that years of stalinist oppression had failed to root out.

Not all sentiment was anti-Moscow: in the transCaucasus older religious rivalries between Christians and Muslims again surfaced. Demonstrators took up grievances and challenged the ethnic and cultural boundaries imposed after the revolution, largely as a result of the report on nationalities written for the Bolsheviks by Stalin.

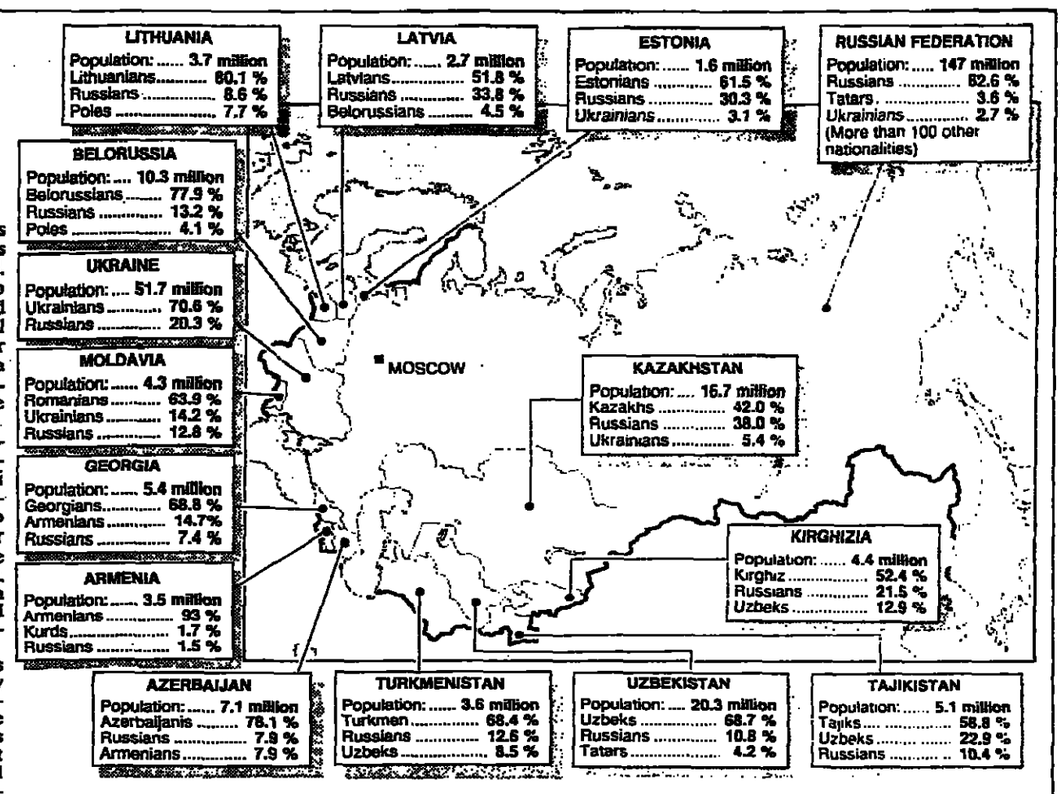
Polish sentiment in western Ukraine, Armenian resentment of Azerbaijani control of Armenian enclaves and Baltic claims to independence spilled over into bloodshed which the army was powerless to halt. Intervention in Lithuania and Baku only exacerbated hatreds and focused resentment on Moscow.

The Russian empire was built up over 300 years by the steady expansion of Russia south and east. The conquest of Central Asia was consolidated only at the start of this century. Colonial control was patchy and enforced through local garrisons. Indeed until after the revolution, the Central Asian emirs still ruled with oriental despotism: until 1924 the emir of Bukhara had runaway slaves nailed by their ears to the gateposts of the city walls.

The Bolsheviks counted on the anger of the oppressed to help undermine tsarism and promised self-determination. They hoped that the creation of nominally separate republics and autonomous regions – especially in the rambling Russian Federation – would appease local sentiment. They created a jigsaw of boundaries that tried to follow ethnic divisions, but there were towns and regions isolated inside the territory of other groups: Kazakhstan includes at least 50 different ethnic groups.

For long the "apartheid" of different republics, the money pumped into their development by the centre, Stalin's deportations and a renewed ruthless programme of Russification kept nationalism in check. Transcaucasia and the Baltic republics were always the most visible hotspots. But the real challenge to Soviet control – and now to the rule of Mr Gorbachev's successors – has always been in the Ukraine and the Muslim republics of Central Asia, until now docile.

Central Asian Muslims saw living standards rise far faster than among their Asian neighbours such as Afghanistan, and the post-war middle generation, turning its back on its Muslim past, was loyal to Moscow. As the population grows, fundamentalism spreads and economic decline and rural unemployment gather pace, the young are questioning their quasi-colonial status. Already the Soviet Union is the world's fifth largest Muslim power. Soon ethnic Russians will be a minority in their country.





Mass reaction: part of the crowd protesting in Leningrad yesterday. The poster says "Down with the junta"

BALTIC REPUBLICS

Estonia prepares for independence

From ANATOL LIEVEN IN VILNIUS

ESTONIA yesterday announced that it would declare its independence from the Soviet Union later in the day. Lennart Meri, its foreign minister, said on holiday in Helsinki that the Estonian parliament was drafting the text of an independence declaration.

Mr Meri told reporters that he was informed of the decision by telephone from Tallinn. He said that he had been authorised to form a government-in-exile if events in Estonia led to a situation in which the elected parliament was unable to function. But he thought this would not be necessary since he believed that the coup in the Kremlin would not succeed.

Attention was focussed on Latvia, where one person was killed and another wounded yesterday morning during the seizure of the police station by Black Beret commando troops. The headquarters of the Latvian Popular Front and the interior ministry were also seized during the night.

Aloys Vasnys, the Latvian interior minister, told his men not to resist in the face of overwhelming force. The television and radio stations and the main telephone exchange were also seized yesterday afternoon, cutting off the Latvian government from its people and the republic from the outside world. Yesterday evening Lithuanian and Estonian leaders were making unsuccessful attempts to contact their Latvian counterparts by telex.

Large concentrations of Soviet armoured forces were reported to be assembling on the outskirts of Riga. In the Lithuanian and Estonian capitals no unusual military activity was reported yesterday, but in several cities throughout the Baltic republics, local Soviet commanders announced that they had assumed administrative control.

However, nowhere as yet in the Baltic republics had Soviet forces actually taken over Municipal offices. Liepaja and the Lithuanian port of Klaipeda are reported closed to foreign shipping, but Tallinn has been reopened to ferries from Helsinki.

The concentration of the Soviet hardliners on Latvia may be partly due to the presence there of colonel Viktor Alksnis, a leader of the ultra conservative Soyuz group, who comes from Latvia. He said on Monday that he favours the "Chinese variant": that order be restored by crushing dissent, and the West would soon forget about the repression and resume investment in a stable Soviet Union.

LENINGRAD

Mayor urges protest

From REUTER IN LENINGRAD

ANATOLI Sobchak, the mayor of Leningrad, told tens of thousands of people gathered in front of the historic Winter Palace yesterday that an undertaking had been given that Soviet forces would not enter the city.

He told the crowd to protest the overthrow of President Gorbachev: "We are gathered here to express our firm resolve to prevent a coup d'état in the country," local journalists reported. He said he had agreed with General Viktor Samsonov, appointed military commander of Leningrad by the emergency committee which seized power on Monday, that troops would not be sent into the city.

Two tank columns had been halted several miles from the city centre, the journalists quoted him as saying. The large crowd expressed support for Boris Yeltsin, the Russian president.

Mr Yeltsin, focus of opposition to the takeover, has called for a general strike to reinstate Mr Gorbachev and Mr Sobchak said that 20 factories in Leningrad have stopped work, including the giant Kirov plant, which produces tractors and tanks. But he appealed for workers to go back to work, saying the city council was in control of the situation.

The crowd waved the red, blue and white Russian flag and the old imperial black, yellow and white flag and held banners denouncing the coup, with words such as "No to fascism". Some staff at the Leningrad Military Region headquartersexpressed support and a banner in a window declared: "The air force and army are with you."

REGIONAL DEFIANCE

Ukraine refuses to take orders from Kremlin

By OUR FOREIGN STAFF

STREET protests, military movements and political turmoil were reported from around the Soviet Union yesterday in the wake of the overthrow of Mikhail Gorbachev by hardline Communists. While the main focus of attention was on the beleaguered Russian parliament in Moscow and rallies by tens of thousands of demonstrators in Leningrad, the leadership of The Ukraine, the union's most populous republic, said it would not carry out any decrees issued by the new regime.

Meeting in emergency session in Kiev, the capital, 15 of the 25 members of the local presidium approved a resolution declaring any actions taken by the coup leaders to be "null and void" on the republic's territory. Leonid Kravchuck, the chairman, who heads a moderate nationalist alliance and had earlier called for calm and urged workers not to strike, was reported among those who voted for the resolution.

Vladimir Grunyov, deputy speaker of the Ukrainian parliament, said traffic police had reported seeing a number of Soviet troops some 20 miles south of Kiev who appeared to be heading for the city. Control of the Ukraine, the industrial and agricultural heart of the Soviet Union with 50 million inhabitants, is considered crucial for the coup leaders of they are to consolidate their hold on power. In the western Ukraine, where separatist feeling runs high, the local television station was reported to have ceased broadcasting, though it was not clear on whose orders.

In **Kazakhstan**, the Soviet Union's third most powerful republic, President Nursultan Nazarbayev said the actions of the emergency committee were illegal and trampled on the rights of the republics. Mr Nazarbayev has been a leading fiure in the campaign by the 15 republics for greater autonomy from Moscow. He called for an immediate signing of the Union Treaty, Mr Gorbachev's blueprint for a looser federal state and for a meeting of the Congress of



Nazarbayev: coup illegal and tramples on rights

People's Deputies, the expanded Soviet parliament, within 10 days to seek a constitutional way out of the crisis.

In Kishinyov, the capital of **Moldavia**, 50,000 ethnic Romanians protested against the coup, shouting "Long live Moldavia" and "Down with dictatorship". The demonstration was broadcast live on Bucharest radio. The republic's president, Mircea Snegur, told the crowd: "The presidency of Moldavia has declared the so-called emergency committee illegal and its decisions illegitimate. We shall not let any dictatorship take over."

Mr Snegur appealed to Moldavians not to let Soviet troops take over the city. Thousands of people manned makeshift barricades on Monday night to guard radio and television stations and government offices after some 20 Soviet tanks and armured personnel carriers had driven through Kishinyov earlier in the day.

In **Tadzhikistan**, Khakhkhor Makhkamov, the local leader, cancelled a visit to Iran which he was to have made on Friday. On Monday, the president of **Azerbaijan**, Ayaz Mutalibov, cut short a visit to Iran and returned to Baku, the republic's capital, two days ahead of schedule. The Iranian news agency said the border between Azerbaijan and Iran was open to traffic, although guards on the Soviet side had increased. The agency said Baku radio had stopped regular broadcasting soon after Monday's coup and had instead been transmitting programmes provided by Moscow Radio.

In **Armenia** a joint statement by the parliament an government called on the people to show "staunchness and restraint", while in **Kirghizia** President Akayev appealed for calm and respect for the constitution. The republic's interior ministry said no state of emergency would be enforced. Some of the industrial cities of the Urals and Siberia, including Sverdlovsk, Chelyabinsk, Novosibirsk and Krasnoyarsk, local councils pledged loyalty to Mr Yeltsin. There were also strikes in the Kusbass mining region.

By contrast, Russian autonomous regions, including **Yakutia**, came out in support of the coup and called for the state of emergency to be confirmed by the union parliament. President Gamsakhurdia of Georgia appealed for calm in the face of provocation.



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Parading in pride: Soviet paratroopers on the march

John Erickson calls on many years of personal experience in this analysis of the Soviet Army, for which he confesses great admiration

I MUST confess to being an unabashed admirer of the Soviet army, thanks to many years of first-hand contact with soldiers, junior officers and distinguished marshals of this same army; and even of its predecessor, the Red Army, in all its appearance rough and ready but skilled enough and hardy enough to have humbled the Wehrmacht, themselves no mean soldiers.

Indeed, to go a little deeper, it is hard to discern the essence of the Soviet army, one of the two undefeated imperial armies left in the world (the other being the British army) without delving into traditions, ethos, military pride and a sense of professionalism which reaches back several hundred years. At the moment there is much anguish in British military circles over the possible disappearance of famous regiments and their military lineage. Yet we continue to talk glibly, even disparagingly, of "the Soviet military" as if it were some kind of military helotry, without understanding the root cause of Soviet military discontent and without knowing much of their professional attachments and commitments. We have decided that a coup is a coup and that ends the matter, rolling the Soviet military into some kind of ball. This, I think, pays little respect to the Soviet soldier.

But who is he, anyway? He can be many things, foremost the dwindling group of senior officers and the declining body of veterans of the second world war; men like General Valentin Ivanovich Varennikov, commander of the ground forces, tough, terse but not unacquainted with the kind of war fought in Afghanistan, dirty, nasty, mean. Inside the interior ministry is General Gromov, fortyish, an Afghanistan commander who lost his wife in an accident and who went on to sort out an agonising situation, "bringing the lads out". So, as many a British soldier will know, here we have "the glamour boys"; but that is not meant disparagingly. Their concern is with their men and what they see as the decline, even the degradation, of the military profession, and the hopeless condition of military housing (or the lack of it).; what is left to what they suspect is an anti-military public, whose antipathy has been whipped up by an antagonistic press — murder by media.

This "Soviet army" is, in fact, multifaceted. There is the lower level of conscripts, drawn from several regions of the Soviet republic, whose life is too often nasty, mean, brutish — and in too many instances, short. No one can pretend that life in the Soviet military is a bed of roses: many of the recruits are assigned to noncombat units; construction units used as cheap labour.

Their interest in the present political struggle must be nil, unless it involves the circumstances of their own locality or republic (and in any event they are unarmed). The key to much of this lies in the junior officers who will be commanding the units, made up mostly of Slavs, which will take to the streets. Behind them, or beside them, the real professionals, manning the air-defence systems, the crews who dive deep into the missile silos, the signals troops who hold the whole thing together, the maintenance men who keep the trucks rolling.

Without doubt the military lends its aid to the civil community, and seeks, as does every other soldier, for some kind of legitimacy and authority. But where does that begin and end? It begins in the most immediate sense with the soldier next to you, Georgian, Uzbek, Ukrainian, Russian — and in the most general sense with what you mean of the "army"?

The army is the army, where the crack units — the tank divisions, above all the airborne and special forces divisions — have a very heavy infusion of officers, the eager-beaver juniors, full of their military duty and honour to the state. And why not? That is what they are paid for; not a lot, but they understand the business of duty and obligation. And somewhere deep in their consciousness is this sense of "belonging to the nation", maybe what their fathers and even their grandfathers fought for.

So, the Soviet command has eight powerful military districts; it has about a hundred divisions milling about the place; in effect it has some five airborne divisions ready to command, about a dozen elite divisions to play with; it has otherwise a limpy mass of formations deployed in the republics, in isolated garrisons, clustered in towns and distributed along the lines of communications. It is all very well to speak of a military coup, whatever that means, but here is an army strung out across a vast country, trying to understand its relationship with a brutish, trigger-happy bunch of special forces, and not able to grasp what authority and legitimacy means. Rifle platoons and tank battalions are not of themselves law-giving organisations. Heaven help the company or the Soviet regimental commander.

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POWER BASE

Kremlin leadership lacks muscle to quash mass revolt

By MICHAEL EVANS, DEFENCE CORRESPONDENT

LOYALTY in the armed forces will be the key element in deciding the fate of the coup leaders in the Soviet Union in the next few months. If the Soviet people revolt against the new regime, it is doubtful whether the Kremlin has enough military muscle deployed throughout the country to put down the uprising.

The Soviet army is an extraordinary melting pot. One motorised division is said to consist of 16 different nationalities, all of whom display varying degrees of loyalty towards their units and commanders, their homeland and, importantly, the reforms instituted by the toppled President Gorbachev. Moreover, the army is not trained to put down resistance inside the Soviet Union. Comprising just under 3.5 million soldiers, it is trained to fight the country's wars.

There are also fundamental divisions within the army: many junior and middle-ranking officers support reform, while the older generals and officers of the general staff back the conservative cause. The split is also reflected in the ranks of conscripts. Even the traditionally loyal army units, such as the two praetorian guard divisions in Moscow, the Taman motor rifle and Kantemirov tank divisions, which are depended on to defend the Kremlin, are displaying their own doubts about the coup.

As dissent and the breakdown in law and order spread across the Soviet Union in the past few years, hardliners had made sure that troops who could be relied on to enforce the will of the leadership were increased in strength. Last year it was announced that the interior ministry, headed by Boris Pugo, who is one of the coup leaders, would double its "operational" troops, or MVD, from 36,000 to 72,000. It is these 72,000 interior ministry troops who will form the core of the new regime's potential for crushing popular resistance. But even if their loyalty can be relied on, their scope for countering any mas-



Pugo: MVD troops will form core of support

sive outbreak of anti-government action will be limited.

Their experience since 1988 in dealing with outbreaks of violence in the republics has been grim: about 200 officers and men have been killed and more than 1,000 injured. Moreover, the emergence of sovereign and independent republics has had a divisive effect on co-operation between the interior ministry and local internal security agencies, impairing Moscow's authority.

The KGB, including the 250,000-strong KGB border forces and the units assigned to protect the nuclear weapons sites, will be expected to play their part in enforcing the state of emergency. But, as with the MVD, central control of the monolithic intelligence and security apparatus has eroded in recent years.

The crucial factor will be the mood and discipline of the regular forces. If they are seen to be loyal to the new masters and ready to use force on their behalf, those who have overthrown Mr Gorbachev will probably survive. But the overall picture is more complex, since there has been too much change in Soviet society and in the armed forces for the response to be uniform.

Perhaps, more than any other section of the army, the attitude of the elite airborne forces, one division of which is assigned to the MVD, will be the crucial test for the coup leaders. Their loyalty to the Kremlin, like that of the two praetorian guards divisions in Moscow, has always been a cut above the rest of the armed forces. Wherever the army has been called in to help during the civil disturbances over the past few years, the paratroopers have been in the forefront.

Carey Schofield, aged 37, the British writer who spent 18 months with the Soviet army in 1989 and 1990, wrote in *Inside the Soviet Army* of an incident in Fergana, Uzbekistan, when Meskhetian Turks, under attack by the local Uzbeks, took refuge with the airborne forces. She said: "Colonel Solyuyanov, the commander of the garrison, communicated the facts to Moscow and awaited orders. Hours passed and the situation was becoming more dangerous.

"It is presumed the government dithered, hesitant to sanction the use of force against civilians. But Solyuyanov did not vacillate. He issued live ammunition to the troops guarding the Turks and made it known that he had told them to shoot to kill if the Uzbeks mounted an attack. He was not afraid to take action that might be criticised, nor was he prepared to kowtow to the authorities."



Thin red line: Soviet soldiers ignoring the pleas of a Muscovite yesterday and standing shoulder to shoulder at Gorky Street to block off Red Square

DEFENCE POLICY

West weighs up evidence for greater Soviet threat

By MICHAEL EVANS, DEFENCE CORRESPONDENT

EUROPE'S largest military power is now in the hands of a hardline, potentially repressive leadership. So does this mean that the West has to change the basis on which its defence and security policy has been founded in the past few years? Has the threat from the Soviet Union increased in the past 48 hours?

There are two important factors here. First, the strategy agreed by Nato governments, involving a substantial troop withdrawal from Central Europe and the replacement of standing armies with multinational rapid reaction forces and other units, was not based on President Gorbachev's staying power but on the events in Eastern Europe and the Soviet Union. Democracy in Eastern Europe, the winding up of the Warsaw Pact and the withdrawal of thousands of Soviet troops, were the key elements behind the rationale for restructuring Nato forces.

Second, the rejection of Soviet hegemony by Poland, Czechoslovakia, Hungary, and East Germany, in particular, created a buffer between Soviet forces and Nato. With all Soviet forces out of Hungary and Czechoslovakia and a withdrawal programme in place for the removal of Soviet troops from eastern Germany and Poland, the threat assessment changed dramatically. There was no question of a surprise attack from the Soviet Union.

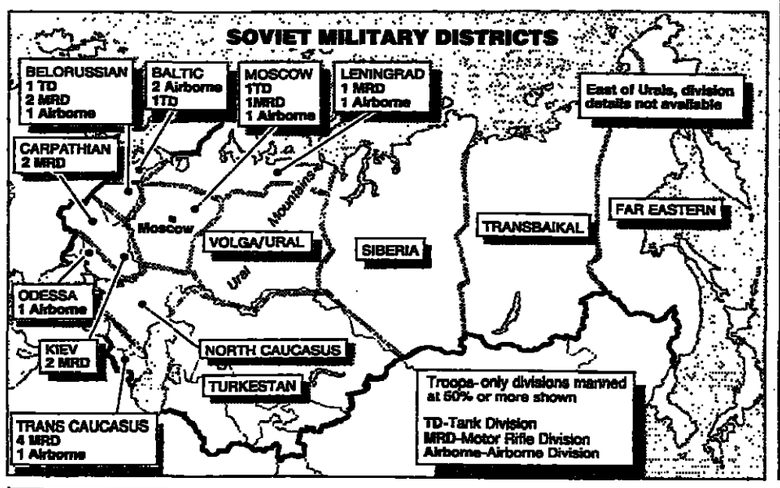
When Nato's military planning staff began to work out how the alliance could best respond to the changes, nobody doubted that Mr Gorbachev's policies would be greeted with alarm by the old guard in Moscow and among the senior hierarchy of the Soviet general staff.

Yet the opinion of Western defence and security experts was that the changes had gone too far to be reversed. With reforms and democracy spreading throughout Eastern Europe, not even the most stalinist leadership in Moscow could put back the clock.

The British government's defence white paper published last month reflected the changed times but also the awareness of continuing instability. It said: "The Soviet Union remains an unstable military superpower, whose capabilities need to be counter-balanced if stability is to be preserved in Europe."

There is no reason at this stage to throw out Nato's new strategy, nor should Britain feel obliged to cancel its "options for change" defence programme. If this were to happen, it would be as good as acknowledging that the defence cuts were, after all, dependent on the continuing leadership of Mr Gorbachev. But they are not. Although some defence cuts have taken place, including the disbanding of one Phantom squadron in Germany, most significant changes have yet to happen.

With the fear of violence in the Soviet Union, it might be prudent to warn Moscow that the West's defence strategy could be revised. But with Mr Gorbachev only 48 hours out of office, it would be premature for the West to put its defence cuts on ice.



EAST GERMANY

Commanders reject reinforcement claim

From ANNE MCELVOY IN BERLIN

SOVIET army leaders in Germany denied rumours yesterday that its troops had been placed on alert and that it was preparing to speed up the dispatch of 20,000 soldiers to Moscow to strengthen the army there.

The army said that the 273,000 remaining Soviet troops were carrying out their business as usual. A spokesman dismissed as "trouble-making nonsense" rumours that the increased activity at the bases was the result of ammunition being handed out. The denial came after two soldiers, who deserted after hearing of President Gorbachev's fall, said that their unit had been placed on alert and that officers were confined to their posts overnight instead of returning to their flats outside the bases.

The troops appear to have only patchy information on events. "We were gathered together last night to listen to an army radio broadcast," said one young guard outside the Karlshorst barracks in Berlin. "But that only told us that Gorbachev has been taken ill and that a special committee has taken over the running of the country. We know that something is happening but we have no details." He was surprised and distressed to hear that tanks were on the streets of Moscow.

In an attempt to improve the flow of information to the troops, Radio Berlin has established Russian-language broadcasts. Only officers are allowed to have radio sets although it is thought that many soldiers have smuggled radios into their barracks. The news has created uncertainty among the forces about their future role and the loyalty of their masters.

The military command in Germany traditionally has ranked as hardline, although Matke Bulakov, the current commander-in-chief, who was considered a supporter of reform, was appointed earlier this year to speed up the withdrawal from eastern Germany. While the older officers remained cynical about the changes and blamed them for losing the Soviet Union the territorial gains it made in the war, their younger colleagues were enthusiastic about President Gorbachov. On the whole, the western forces are more receptive to reform than the army at home and army hardliners in Moscow view the return of the troops stationed in Germany as a potentially destabilising element.

Despite a new uneasiness in sharing their thoughts with outsiders, the impression gained by talking to Soviet soldiers on the eastern German bases is that they are unwilling to relinquish their faith in Mr Gorbachev. Few were aware of the significance of Boris Yeltsin, the Russian Federation president. Their view of developments at home is often outdated, rooted in their experience of the early triumphs of Mr Gorbachev, of whom they still speak in the near-reverential tones.

Bullied and demoralised military holds key to power

By ROGER BOYES

THE Soviet soldier, bullied, demoralised and almost entirely ignorant of the crisis facing his country, is now being propelled to centre stage.

Who will enforce the state of emergency? Who will keep the country running if the workers lay down their tools? The answer is men such as Private Igor Kuznetsov and officers like Colonel Dabrin. Private Kuznetsov was a witness in a recent court martial reported in the Soviet military press. Entering his barrack room he had seen a senior Russian conscript beat to death a recruit from Tajikistan.

The incident was unusual because it ended with a fatality and a witness had come forward. The bully had stripped the Tajik of everything worthwhile — new boots, extra food — and in a drunken frenzy had ordered the recruit to lick clean the lavatories. The Tajik had refused and was pounded into unconsciousness. He never awoke from his coma.

The army reforms worked out by Marshal Dmitri Yazov, the Soviet defence minister, have not trickled down to the barrack room. Only brief bursts of Gorbachevian glasnost have allowed the reporting of *dedovshchina* — brutal harassment of recruits — and details of courts martial. That has been enough to spur on witnesses, but not to stop the practice.

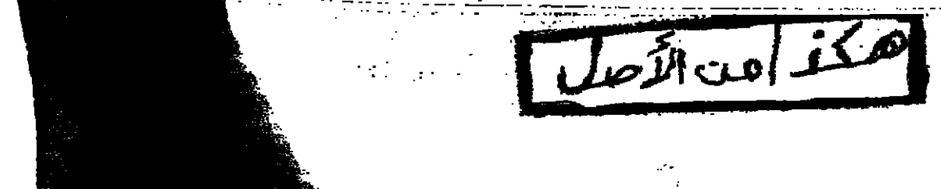
Few complaints are lodged, for the platoon and company hierarchy depends precisely on a bullied underclass, usually of Muslims, who by the end of the decade will make up more than 50 per cent of the rank and file.

Colonel Dabrin, by contrast, is a relatively well-paid political officer, who recently admitted in a Radio Moscow interview that his job no longer made sense. On a personal level he was still earning less than a foundry worker; on a moral plane, he was completely confused. With the Communist party now facing competition, its authority and relevance under constant scrutiny, he was driven into a corner: the changes were too fast to translate to his battalion.

There are 1.1 million Communist party members in the armed forces, including three out of every four officers. That makes the army the largest single chunk of Communist power. But as the party's power slips, so does the army's *raison d'être*.

General Mikhail Moiseyev, chief of the general staff, recently claimed that those who were trying to squeeze the party out of army life were out to "disarm spiritually" the military machine. The army's function is to carry out the orders of the party; yet who commands the party?

Desertion and draft-dodging are now rampant in the Baltic republics and becoming serious in Armenia, Georgia and Azerbaijan. Suddenly the original Bolshevik ideas of using the army as a school for the Soviet Union look rather dangerous. By changing its mission from defence against an expansionist Germany — the persistent political line — to the internal policing of the Soviet Union, the army is exposing itself to dissension in the ranks. A Muslim tank crew under a Russian commander is a reasonable team when steaming across the north German plains. But as a way of enforcing social calm in six or more republics simultaneously it is replete with risk.



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UNITED STATES

Bush backs Yeltsin but refuses to be committed on action

From PETER STOTHARD, US EDITOR, AND SUSAN ELLICOTT, IN WASHINGTON

PRESIDENT Bush yesterday expressed strong backing for the opposition of Boris Yeltsin to the military coup in the Soviet Union but refused to say what the United States would do if that opposition was repressed.

After talking by telephone to the beleaguered Russian president, he called him a duly elected leader. There would be no normal relations while the coup is in place, he said. He reported President Yeltsin's confidence that he had the support of the Russian people. The people should support Mr Yeltsin, Mr Bush said.

"We respect you, we pray for you and we hope you succeed", Mr Bush told Mr Yeltsin, as reports were received of mounting military action around the Russian Federation headquarters.

Mr Robert Strauss, aged 72, who was yesterday morning sworn in as US ambassador to the Soviet Union, left for Moscow on a personal mission for Mr Bush last night. The President said that Mr Strauss would not be presenting his official credentials to the coup-plotters who had usurped power. White House officials said that ambassador Strauss was likely to try to meet Mr Yeltsin but would probably not meet the man who has replaced Mr Gorbachev, Gennadi Yanayev.

Mr Strauss acknowledged that he was about to enter "a different world" than the one he undertook to live in two months ago. President Bush raised eyebrows in the foreign service earlier this summer when he nominated Mr Strauss, a fellow Texan and a veteran Democrat with close ties to prominent Republican business figures, as the senior US envoy in Moscow. But US-Soviet relations then appeared to be on an upbeat tack.

With the Cold War declared over, Mr Strauss, a former US trade negotiator, was heralded as a skilled lawyer and businessman who could help the superpowers forge closer economic ties. The Senate overwhelmingly approved his nomination, glossing over details such as the nominee's inability to speak Russian.

Mr Strauss returned early from a holiday in southern California to prepare for his assignment and Mr Bush said he was sending him to Moscow on a temporary fact-finding mission.

The new ambassador, who takes over from a Soviet specialist, Jack Matlock, insisted his forthcoming mission was "basically the same". If he had any doubts about giving up his Dallas poker games, meals at power restaurants and a $4 million annual salary as a senior partner at a Washington law firm, he gave no sign. He pledged to use "undiplomatic candour from time to time" if necessary when dealing with the leaders in the Kremlin.

The Bush administration has had to compensate for Mr Strauss's unfamiliarity with the Soviet Union by sending with him on his trip a Soviet specialist from the State Department, Peter Hansloner, a professor at Yale university.

Mr Strauss has called himself "as poor an example of a Soviet expert" as the US government could find.

Mr Bush said that he had no wish "to legitimise the coup" but that it would be up to ambassador Strauss's judgment to decide whom he met. It was "a fast-moving situation", the President said. The new ambassador is expected to return in a few days to the Mr Bush's holiday home in Kennebunkport, Maine, to give Mr Bush a briefing.

Mr Bush was careful to differentiate supportive advice to the Russians from any suggestion of US action. "We're just sitting here for a while", he said, when asked about matching words with deeds. He did not want an East-West confrontation "and I hope that's true of the plotters". "I am not making threats. Machoism is not called for." He hoped that the coup leaders would quickly 'come to their senses'.

He accused the new regime of trying to cloak their illegal grab for power with rthe promise of economic improvements. But they could not solve the country's problems without outside aid and that was now "on hold".

He reported that he had been unable to contact either Mr Gorbachev or the Soviet Foreign minister, Aleksandr Bessmertnykh, since the coup took place. In a warning to Soviet military chiefs who might be thinking of reasserting control in Eastern Europe, Mr Bush said that the moves to democracy there could not be reversed. He spoke of Libya, Iraq and Cuba, the countries that have applauded the return to old communist values, "renegade regimes".

He vigorously defended his own record, rejecting both the notion that more aid for Mr Gorbachev might have protected him and the opposite argument, mainly expressed by the right, that earlier support for Mr Yeltsin and other independence movements might have made their opposition stronger.



Man with a mission: President Bush with Robert Strauss, his new ambassador to Moscow, yesterday



In the nick of time: three of the latest 230 Jewish immigrants to leave the Soviet Union for Israel before the coup wait for their papers to be processed at Ben Gurion airport, Tel Aviv. The future of Soviet Jewish emigration is now unclear

COUP SUPPORT

Friends of old order express delight

By MICHAEL BINYON DIPLOMATIC EDITOR

NOT all the world is saddened by the departure of President Gorbachev: several Middle Eastern countries have welcomed his fall and the world's remaining embattled communist governments, including that in Peking, are expected to be heartened by the change of direction in Moscow.

Iraq, abandoned by the Soviet Union during the Gulf war, expressed *jubilation*. "Iraq's right and steadfastness was one of the main reasons behind the fall [of Gorbachev] ... because it [Iraq] exposed [his] policy of treason and conspiracy," Abdul-Jabbar Mohsen, President Saddam Hussein's press secretary, wrote in the government newspaper *al-Jumhouriyah*. He also accused Mr Gorbachev of being a Soviet agent used by Washington.

Sudan and Libya, radical states whose relations with the West are poor and who have seen their former close links with the Soviet Union wither, also congratulated the new Soviet leaders on the coup. Omar Hassan al-Bashir, Sudan's military ruler, who is visiting Libya, said the former Soviet leader's "policy of surrender" was behind the world imbalance which harmed the interests of weak countries.

In a telegram to Gennadi Yenayev, leader of the Soviet hardliners, Colonel Muammar Gadaffi said: "The magnificent work which you carried out today ... is very important in order to restore the international prestige of the Soviet Union and the pride of the Soviet citizens which imperialism wished to step upon with its dirty feet."



Castro made no secret of his dislike of Gorbachev

Communist countries in Asia are also likely to welcome the news. China has hinted at its approval, saying that the change made no difference to Sino-Soviet relations. Vietnam, which has seen its massive Soviet aid sharply cut back, may also hope that its former close relationship with Moscow can be restored.

In Cuba, President Castro has made no secret of his dislike of Mr Gorbachev or of his rejection of Soviet reform models. In turn, Moscow has been increasingly critical of the inflexible Castro regime and its human rights record.

In Europe, only Serbia is likely to welcome the change. The communist government of Slobodan Milosevic looked to the Soviet party to oppose European efforts to negotiate a solution that weakened the unitary nature of Yugoslavia. The hardliners' insistence on keeping the old Soviet constitution may encourage Serbia in its attempt to prevent a break-up of Yugoslavia.

MIDDLE EAST

Soviet hardliners get an enthusiastic welcome

Richard Beeston in Jerusalem finds Palestinians elated by the coup, while, below, **Adam Kelliher**, witnesses Baghdad's gloating

WITH almost tragic inevitability. Palestinians are once again engaged in a public display of enthusiasm for the world's latest dictatorship.

Less than six months after their costly support for President Saddam Hussein in the Gulf war, the Palestinian community has found a new champion for its cause in the form of the Kremlin hardliners.

From the taxi-driver in the West Bank city of Nablus, who offered his passengers celebratory free rides, to the PLO leadership in Tunis, the Palestinian community has welcomed the demise of the Gorbachev reform process and what it hopes will be the return of Brezhnev-style Soviet policy in the Middle East, with its support for Palestinians and radical Arab states against Israel.

Most Palestinians regarded President Gorbachev as a sell-out to Israel and America and the man most responsible for weakening the Arab states and paving the way for the allied attack against Iraq. In particular, Mr Gorbachev was criticised for his decision to allow mass Soviet Jewish emigration to Israel and for improving ties between Moscow and the Jewish state.

Now the Palestinians are pinning their hopes on renewed superpower conflict which they believe will scuttle the US-brokered peace process, halt the flow of Jewish immigrants and help rearm pro-Palestinian states. But they appeared set for another big disappointment.

Galia Golan, an Israeli expert on the Soviet Union said yesterday that the Palestinians should not be so optimistic about the fall of Mr Gorbachev, who at least offered them a potential peace deal.

Certainly, events yesterday would appear to confirm her views. Israeli immigration officials reported that 190 Soviet Jews had left Moscow since the coup and that the new authorities appeared to be allowing emigration to continue normally.

The Palestinians could discover that the West will press ahead with its planned peace conference regardless of Soviet participation. Radwan Abu Ayyash, a leading figure in the West Bank, appeared to be under no illusions. "The peace process is an American and European dish with some Soviet flavouring," he said. "You can still eat it without the spices."

Gulf war losers gloat over unsettling of Washington

AMID the chorus of international condemnation of the Soviet coup, voices of support have come from those Arab whose loss in the Gulf war has made them eager to gloat over anything that unsettles President Bush.

One person openly revelling in the demise of President Gorbachev is President Saddam Hussein, who hopes the new Soviet leadership will embrace Baghdad once more and end Iraq's international isolation. His sentiments are shared by Libya, Palestinian groups, and Jordan's popular press.

In Baghdad, the ruling Revolutionary Command Council pledged to "positively respond to every initiative of friendship from the Soviet Union in its new age," and criticised the "negative stances" of Mr Gorbachev's administration.

An even more vehement tone was struck by Saddam's press secretary, Abdul-Jabbar Mohsen, who alleged in the newspaper *al-Jamhuria* that Mr Gorbachev was an agent of Washington who "for a handful of dollars ... supported the aggression of the forces of imperialism."

Such rancour is understandable, given Mr Gorbachev's decision to abandon Iraq, Moscow's long-term ally and arms customer, in favour of the American-led coalition shortly after Saddam invaded Kuwait.

That decision was clearly rooted in an assessment that relations with a renegade Arab nation were not as important as a secure standing with the West. But with the industrialised nations already suspending the economic aid that was meant to be guarantee Mr Gorbachev's domestic survival, Moscow's new leaders may opt for a more confrontational foreign policy, which can only be to Iraq's benefit. The Soviet Union last Thursday supported a UN Security Council resolution allowing Iraq to sell oil for humanitarian goods under strict conditions — a scheme Baghdad condemned.

Salameh Nematt, a journalist said: "The Iraqis, of course, will be desperate to get the Soviets into the picture. And the Soviets can definitely play a spoilers' role in the Middle East. We must remember what the military establishment was saying throughout the Gulf crisis."

Some senior Soviet officers objected to Iraq being swiftly dumped in favour of hoped-for Western economic assistance, which as the G7 economic summit proved, failed to materialise. The military were uneasy that Western troops were stationed *en masse* close to the Soviet Union's southern flank. The first communiqué delivered by the Kremlin's new leadership portrayed the Soviet Union as a humiliated superpower.

GERMANY

Kohl demands reinstatement

From IAN MURRAY IN BONN

HELMUT Kohl, the German chancellor, yesterday joined other world leaders in demanding that Mikhail Gorbachev should be reinstated as Soviet president. His statement was issued as intelligence reports suggested that the new Kremlin junta was not firmly in control.

Herr Kohl is also looking to Boris Yeltsin, the democratically elected Russian president, to lead the challenge against the hardliners who have tried to seize power.

The chancellor explicitly backed Mr Yeltsin's demand for "the restoration of the constitutionally elected organs of power and the reaffirmation of the post of President Mikhail Gorbachev."

Hans-Dietrich Genscher, the German foreign minister, also emphasised the importance of Mr Yeltsin: "I believe he is the personality in the Soviet Union whose word has the greatest influence on the behaviour of people in that great country ... He has taken a clear position ... which is that the constitutional bodies must be allowed to exercise their responsibilities." Herr Genscher blamed other Western countries for failing to give sufficient help to the deposed Soviet leader.

According to German intelligence reports, the coup is not complete. Doctrinaire senior officers are reported to be struggling to control a growing mood of mutiny both among young officers who back reform and in the ranks. Yesterday deserters in eastern Germany claimed that 273,000 troops there were in a state of full alert.

The German trade union movement yesterday did its best to support strikes in Soviet industry. Franz Steinkühler, leader of the metalworkers' union IG Metall, sent a telegram to the Soviet engineering union leadership criticising it for failing to answer Mr Yeltsin's call for a general strike.

Press pundits lament politicians' failure to read between the lines

Susan Ellicott in Washington, **Ian Murray** in Bonn and **Philip Jacobson** in Paris report international newspaper reaction to the coup

THE United States has reacted to the overthrow of President Gorbachev with the same shock as that of one man on Monday morning who almost dropped his cigarette when he saw the "Hardline Group Takes Over" headline in *The Washington Post*. He stopped in mid-saunter, stared incredulously at the front page, walked two paces backwards and bought the newspaper, still dazed.

By yesterday, the White House was still counselling Americans to wait and see. President Bush emphasised that he would not recognise the "unconstitutional seizure of power." But, aside from opposing US economic aid to Moscow, his administration has little leverage to shape events which are clouded by considerable doubt.

The coup has stirred a political storm over whether the United States had done enough financially to back Mr Gorbachev's efforts to introduce democratic reforms, or whether Mr Bush had focussed too much on personal diplomacy.

Speaking for the liberal camp, Richard Gephardt, the House majority leader, said the United States had missed a "limited opportunity to bring, pull and push the Soviet Union in the right direction." The loss of a Soviet president with whom the US leader chatted freely at his county dacha only last month was seen as a setback for Mr Bush's foreign policy and a vindication of right wing concerns that an old-style KGB and military power was never far below the surface of Mr Gorbachev's glasnost.

"We see the stark political reality of Soviet rule," *The Wall Street Journal* said in an editorial. "It is a nation whose leadership can change overnight". Writing in *The New York Times*, columnist A. M. Rosenthal blamed the West for "short-term self-interest and long-term blindness, a congenital disease." He accused President Bush of fantasising that "if only he became friendly enough with Mr Gorbachev he could influence Soviet destiny."

In its lead story headline, the mass circulation *Bild* summed up the almost hysterical public reaction in Germany to news of the coup in the Kremlin. "Gorby has fallen," it screamed. "*Mein Gott*, what now?"

There was not much reassurance in a sober assessment by the *Frankfurter Allegemeine*. The paper said that although it would not be possible for the clock to be turned back as far as eastern Europe and unified Germany was concerned, there was not much chance of seeing the "new world order" described by President Bush. "The shadow cast by communist imperialism over the world, seems even more threatening."

Die Welt remarked how "fragile" the Soviet leader's power must have been. "He was of necessity more of a juggler and more under pressure than we in the west believed. That the army and KGB could desert the president at the drop of a hat shows how little he was trusted by the actual instruments of power in the country.

The east German *Thüringer Tagespost* insisted that "the free world is now called on to stand together." The paper said that there must be no more of the policy of saying nothing and "arrangements" which had followed the communist mass murders in China and the Yugoslav armistice. "Every delay, every appeasement would be a great shame."

THE French press has reacted to the overthrow of Mr Gorbachev with unusually unanimous coverage of the drama in Moscow.

The left-leaning daily, *Libération*, produced a striking front page featuring a photograph of Boris Yeltsin delivering his speech from the top of a tank, below which, against a deep red background, was his defiant message: " You can construct a throne with bayonettes, but it is impossible for anyone to remain upon it for long."

For *Le Figaro*, voice of the orthodox conservative opposition, the headline was "Moscow: the conservative's coup." "Broken hopes, broken dreams," observed columnist, Alain Peyrefitte, and the front page cartoon depicted Josef Stalin leaping joyfully from his coffin with a cry of "Cold? Me? Never!"

The main headline in *Le Monde*, ever wary of sensationalism, read: "The West looks For Mr Gorbachev's return." Ten pages were devoted to a minute analysis of what the changes may mean to Soviet citizens as well as to those in the West.

Understandably, there was considerable interest in what the French Communist party's *L'Humanité* would make of the affair. Its front page announced: "Anxiety in the Soviet Union" and it ran another six pages on the story, without ever quite deciding what political line should most wisely be adopted.

In the wake of President Mitterrand's uninspiring broadcast to the nation on Monday night, there was some sharp criticism in the conservative papers of his apparent reluctance to commit France to a tough line against developments. Even *Libération* noted that M Mitterrand was reluctant to go further than notify the new Soviet authorities of the crucial importance of continuing to pursue the programme of reform initiated in 1985.

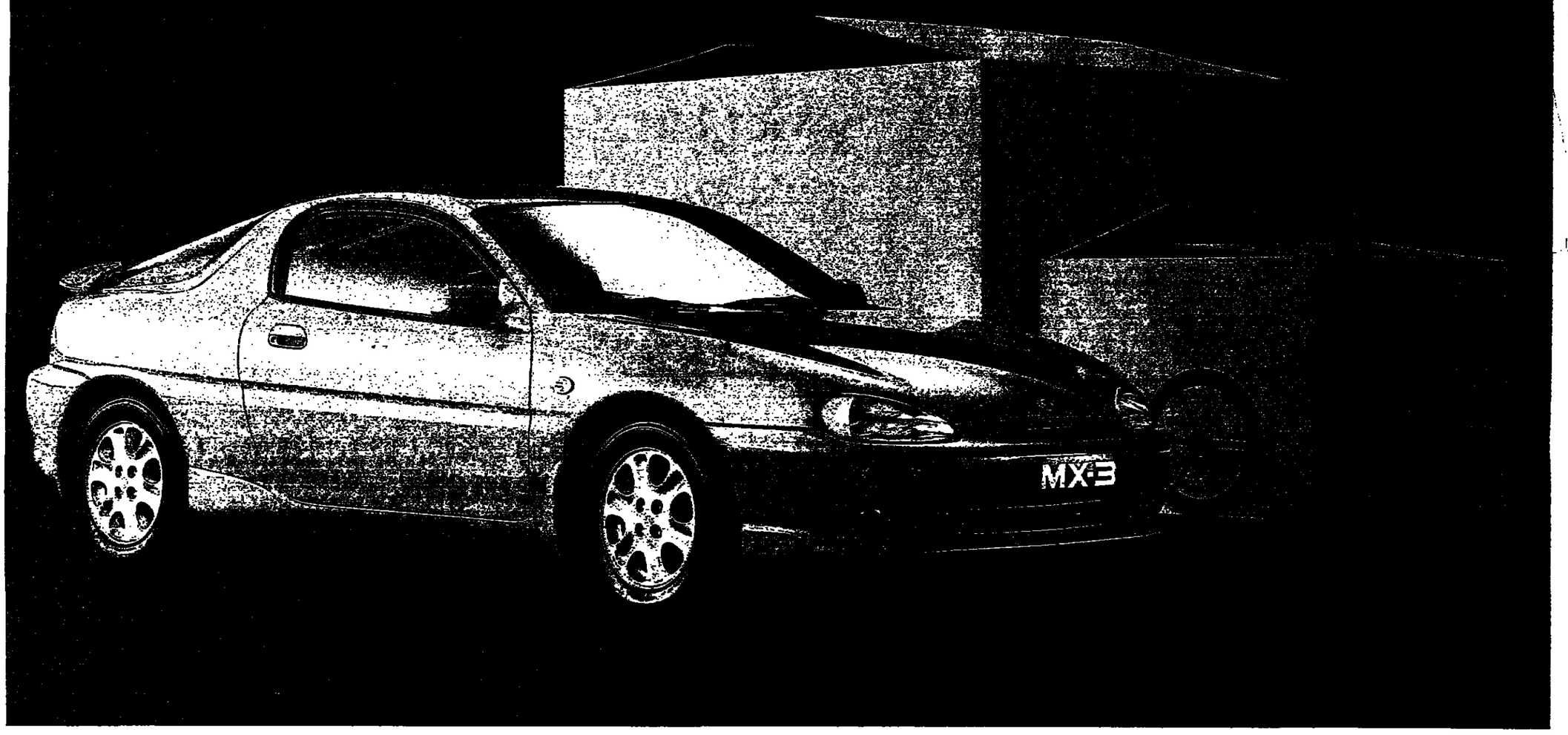


Bedside manner: "Mr Gorbachev has been arrested for reasons of health", *Le Monde's* view of the coup

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Everyone's on to a winner when the blame game is played



Thompson: G7 nations should have helped more

THERE can be few more irritating things than to hear people say "I told you so". Yesterday the airwaves and newspapers were full of pundits and politicians claiming that they knew all along that the Gorbachev era would end in tears and that the brave new world of East-West detente would shatter into a thousand dangerous shards.

For a moment it was like a rerun of the heady cold war days when cruise missile deployments were an issue and the Prince of Darkness, as the peaceniks nicknamed Richard Perle, stalked the corridors of power at the Pentagon as Ronald Reagan's assistant defence secretary.

Mr Perle was up and running yesterday. "The West should consider itself fortunate to have discovered the volatility of Soviet leadership and the reversibility of perestroika before it had time to make a fool of itself by rushing to provide money and technology to the Soviet Union," he wrote in a London newspaper.

The battle lines may be confused in holy Mother Russia but they are absolutely clear here, where almost the same cast of characters are mounting the same barricades of left-wing/right-wing rhetoric as they occupied in the late Seventies and early Eighties. Like some awful Greek chorus they shriek: "We were right all along."

For the left, Mikhail Gorbachev's downfall was the fault of western leaders who failed to cast

The coup was the fault of the West's hardliners ... and of its peaceniks. Hindsight knows no barriers, reports Jamie Dettmer

off their cold war mentality. "By not giving Gorbachev what he wanted at the G7 economic summit the West helped harden the opposition of the hardliners to perestroika," said Marjorie Thompson, chairwoman of the Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament.

"At the Moscow summit there was inane American triumphalism. We kept kicking them but did not deliver the goods. We are now going to see cold war revisited. You can already hear the hawks here saying 'No defence cuts'. The US Senate should ratify the Start treaty and not go ahead with the Star Wars system, otherwise it will be sending the wrong signals to Moscow."

Gerald Kaufman, Labour's foreign affairs spokesman, is slightly more cautious about arguing that the coup confirms his party's stand in the cold war, but believes the West must share the blame for Mr Gorbachev's departure. "We have argued for a long time for increased aid for Gorbachev's Soviet Union. Neil Kinnock put it best when he said the West was in effect telling the Soviet Union, 'We will give you bricks when you have built the house'. If aid had been given the coup may not have happened. Too many western leaders failed to shrug off their cold war approach."

For the right-wing warriors, the Russian bear should have been approached with extreme caution. They tend to believe that the Moscow coup is part of the age-old story of democracies ascribing good intentions to tyrannies.

Norris McWhirter wrote in one newspaper yesterday of the "classic liberal delusion that no clampdown could occur". He continued with a resounding defence of the right-wing position on the deployment of cruise missiles. "The Soviet moves towards democracy came soon after the defeat of the Soviet 'peace offensive' in the early Eighties. If the West had failed to deploy cruise and Pershing II missiles in response to the SS20 missile threat, the hardliners would have triumphed."

He continued: "You can't be half-pregnant. There is no middle way between repression and democracy. It has always been the case of getting the eastern European countries out from under Soviet rule before the clampdown came."

All you out-of-work cold war warriors and peaceniks, fear not. Your time has come again.

MAJOR SUPPORT

Tanks ready to crush us, Yeltsin tells Major

By NICHOLAS WOOD, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

BORIS Yeltsin, the embattled Russian president, warned John Major yesterday that he feared the new hard-line leadership in the Kremlin were about to send in tanks to crush all resistance to their rule.

"He said to me he believed he had not very much time left," the prime minister told reporters in Downing Street as he recounted his dramatic 20-minute telephone call to the man symbolising opposition to the coup that swept aside President Gorbachev.

Mr Yeltsin, who has barricaded himself inside the Russian parliament building, delivered his desperate message to Mr Major after breaking off the conversation to say that tanks were moving towards his stronghold.

He told the prime minister that the "group of eight" behind the coup were taking "ever more decisive measures to capture the Russian republic building". A curfew had been announced in Moscow and "intense efforts" were being made to take the building, Mr Yeltsin said.

Mr Major, however, believes that, in the longer term, the new regime is doomed to fail in the face of the Soviet Union's economic and political difficulties.

"The democratic genie is out of the bottle in the Soviet Union and I don't believe they are going to be able to put it back," he said yesterday.

Mr Yeltsin told Mr Major that the new regime had isolated President Gorbachev. The ousted Soviet leader remained in the Crimea cut off from telephone communications. The aircraft runway close to where he was being held had been closed.

Government sources said that Mr Major had made repeated, but unsuccessful, efforts to contact the ousted Soviet leader by telephone over the past 48 hours.

Mr Yeltsin told Mr Major that the statement made by Gennadi Yanayev, the new Soviet leader, about Mr Gorbachev's health was untrue. Mr Gorbachev had been examined by a doctor very recently and been found to be in good health apart from very minor complaints.

Mr Major added: "President Yeltsin went on to say that he could not rule out the building could be stormed today, though he hoped this could be averted. Hundreds of thousands of his supporters were outside on the streets.

The prime minister agreed to endorse and convey a series of demands from Mr Yeltsin to the new Soviet leadership.

These were that Mr Gorbachev be freed and examined by an independent doctor to set the record straight about his health; that communications be established between Mr Gorbachev, President Bush and Mr Major; and that Britain and its allies should continue to give as much public support as possible to the reform movement in the Soviet Union and the Russian republic.

The prime minister added that Mr Yeltsin had expressed "fulsome" gratitude to the British people and the West for the support he was receiving.

Douglas Hurd, the foreign secretary, called in Leonid Zamyatin, the Soviet ambassador, to tell him of Britain's support for Mr Yeltsin's demands.

Mr Major intensified his support for the Soviet reformers by maintaining in a BBC World Service interview broadcast to the Soviet Union last night that there were large areas of intellectual opposition in the country to the overthrow of President Gorbachev.



Mr Major speaking in Downing Street yesterday

The prime minister told the Soviet people: "The coup was illegal, President Gorbachev is still the legal president of the Soviet Union. The only way ahead for the Soviet Union to seek the sort of prosperity and open society they have been looking for is to pursue the reform process — both in terms of political reform and economic reform.

"It is not possible to go back to any other system. It could not possibly be satisfactory and I believe the Soviet people should recognise that."

Mr Major did not follow Margaret Thatcher's example and urge the Soviet people to take to the streets to demonstrate their opposition to the coup.



Life goes on: Olga Grigorieva, of the Bolshoi Opera, at Edinburgh university's halls of residence yesterday. The opera is at the Edinburgh festival

THATCHER OFFER

Health check by experts proposed

By MICHAEL BINYON, DIPLOMATIC EDITOR

MARGARET Thatcher told Boris Yeltsin yesterday that she agreed in principle to his request to set up a committee of prominent doctors or Nobel prize winners to investigate the health of President Gorbachev.

In a 25 minute telephone call to Mr Yeltsin inside the Russian parliament yesterday afternoon, she said that she would look at the best way of tackling his proposal. He told her that as a person well-known in the Soviet Union she would carry great weight.

Mr Yeltsin, who sounded firm but slightly nervous, said that "many hundreds" of troops had now rallied to him.

He insisted that as the third in the chain of command he had authority as acting commander-in-chief of the Russian federation to call up forces, since President Gorbachev could not fulfil his function and Dmitry Yazov, the defence minister, was disqualified because he was acting unconstitutionally.

However, he feared that "special units" would not obey him, and said that there might soon be an attack on the parliament building, where he had been for the past two days. He said "those eight people" — referring to the new leadership — had been taken aback by the scale of the resistance.

Mrs Thatcher said she admired his courage, and asked if there was anything else she could do. The Russian leader had no other specific request.

Mr Yeltsin also told her that he had telephoned Anatoly Lukyanov, chairman of the Supreme Soviet, asking him to declare the state of emergency null and void.

Lord Bethel, a Conservative MEP, interpreting the conversation, said that Mr Yeltsin sounded upbeat but tired.

DEFENCE CUTS

King resists calls for postponement

By RICHARD FORD, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

TOM King yesterday resisted demands from Conservative MPs, including the former prime minister, for a postponement of government proposals to cut Britain's defences forces.

The defence secretary sought to allay the fears of those Conservative MPs and military leaders who have warned that the restructuring of the armed forces could leave Britain vulnerable in an unstable future. With Tory MPs arguing that events in the Soviet Union have shown the need for caution in implementing the proposals outlined in *Options for Change*, Mr King insisted that whoever ruled in the Kremlin faced the same economic and political pressures that had led to the collapse of the Warsaw Pact.

Mr King said that in drawing up the programme for defence cuts, including a reduction in the size of the army to 116,000 and a streamlining of the air force and navy, military planners had taken into account the likelihood of uncertainty in the Soviet Union.

"We gave a clear warning that while somethings were changing irreversibly, the situation in the Soviet Union was likely to be very unstable," he said.

The government had said that change had never happened in the Soviet Union in an orderly or steady way and many people had raised the risks to the survival of Mr Gorbachev, Mr King said on BBC Radio 4's *World at One*.

"Our proposals weren't based on his survival. They were based on the fundamental changes that have taken place. The Warsaw Pact has gone. Soviet troops have left Hungary, Czechoslovakia and Germany is united," Mr King said.

He did not think the Warsaw Pact would be recreated or the east German army reformed but the government's programme was planned for implementation over a long period and during that time it would watch carefully the behaviour of the Soviet Union.



King: proposals not based on Gorbachev survival

EXILES UNDER GUARD

KGB order defied as armed militiamen protect émigrés

SOVIET émigrés on a visit from Britain were under armed guard in Moscow yesterday to protect them from the KGB.

The party, which includes Count Andrei Tolstoy, the south London businessman who is a descendent of the famous Soviet author Leo Tolstoy, was in the Soviet capital for a conference of émigrés when President Gorbachev was ousted.

The count's father is a nephew of the writer and his brother is the author and historian Count Nikolai Tolstoy, who lives in Oxfordshire.

He flew to Moscow on Sunday — just hours before the coup — with about 19 others. It was disclosed yesterday that the KGB ordered the detention of one of the party, Boris Miller, a leading member of the NTS, a fiercely anti-communist group.

Moscow militiamen loyal to Boris Yeltsin, the Russian Federation president, refused to carry out the order and mounted an armed guard on the émigrés. It is understood that KGB detention orders have also been issued against other émigrés.

Mr Miller's son George, director of the Russian Research Foundation in London, said yesterday: "We managed to speak to him by phone early this morning. He is safe and well. The conference is going ahead and is being guarded by the Moscow militia."

Mr Miller said the militia refused to obey KGB orders to detain his father. He had no news of Count Tolstoy, but believed he was safe.

About 1,000 émigrés from the West travelled to Moscow for the Congress of Russian Expatriates — the first meeting of its kind in the Soviet Union — at Mr Yeltsin's invitation.

Mr Boris Miller, aged 64, from Grove Park, southeast London, is a member of the ruling council of the NTS, originally a dissident group with a worldwide underground network including cells in the Soviet Union. Under Mr Gorbachev's reforms, it emerged as a pro-free market political party allied with Christian Democrat groups in Europe.

The émigrés were to stay in Moscow until August 31.

Holidays cancelled after government warning

By HARVEY ELLIOTT, AIR CORRESPONDENT

THE Foreign Office last night advised Britons intending to visit the Soviet Union not to travel unless their journey was essential.

The estimated 1,000 tourists already in the country, together with several hundred businessmen, need not return but, according to the Foreign Office, should listen to the radio, not become involved in demonstrations and should contact the British Embassy in Moscow if they were worried.

The advice, issued as the threat of violence escalated last night, upset the plans of many Britons who wanted to see history in the making. During the day Intourist, the Russian travel organisation, took 24 new bookings from holiday-makers wanting to fly to Moscow or Leningrad.

"People wanted to be part of history," Des McGuinness, sales director of Intourist, said. "Our staff in Moscow tell us that those already there are enjoying the spectacle and find it all very exciting. No one wants to cut short their holiday and now we are getting calls from new customers all determined to be there when such historic events are taking place."

Within minutes of the official announcement, however, Mr McGuinness called a board meeting which decided to cancel all further tours. The decision brought to an end a remarkable period of growth in travel to the Soviet Union, thanks almost entirely to Mr Gorbachev.

"He was the biggest single influence on tourism," Mr McGuinness said. "Six years ago when he came to power we had a turnover of around £1½ million a year. Now we are turning over £12 million and it is largely due to Gorbachev himself. He appeared throughout the world as a nice guy and created such a good impression that everyone wanted to visit his country." So great was the surge in demand for visits to the Soviet Union that by 1988 there was a severe shortage of hotel beds and an estimated 40,000 British tourists who wanted to go were turned away.

To cope with the demand, which has been mirrored in most other developed countries, up to 30 new hotels were built, most of which opened this summer. The most popular seven-day tour costs £545 and includes stays in both Moscow and Leningrad.

The new spirit of openness also drew Russians to Europe with 10,000 visiting Benidorm this year and thousands more descending on Malta. Whether this two-way traffic resumes depends on events in Moscow.

Businessmen, meanwhile, have cancelled plans to visit the Soviet Union because of fears that no one will be able to make any real decisions until a new government has been properly installed.

Barry Martin, a London-based Russian travel specialist who sends about 5,000 businessmen to the Soviet Union each year, said: "The Russians were just beginning to take decisions at local level. Now no one in the country will want to commit themselves to anything and all decisions will be referred back to someone else. There is, therefore, no point in companies sending staff out on what would be a futile exercise until the situation becomes much clearer."

Even so, the daily British Airways flight to Moscow left yesterday morning with 126 passengers on board, most of them journalists and camera crews from around the world who, unlike the merely curious now seeking seats, had been ordered by their offices to record the unfolding drama. Today's flight will also run as scheduled.

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Medical charities rally against animal activists

By NICK NUTTALL, TECHNOLOGY CORRESPONDENT

EIGHT medical research charities have gone on the offensive against animal-rights activists to try to restore public support for controlled animal experiments.

The campaign, whose supporters include the British Heart Foundation, the Wellcome Trust, the Imperial Cancer Research Fund and the Cancer Research Campaign, is aimed at countering extremists' claims that animal experiments are unnecessary in the fight against disease.

Sir Walter Bodmer, head of the Imperial Cancer Research Fund, said yesterday that part of the initiative, by the Research for Health Charities Group, would include visiting schools to improve children's understanding of how animal experiments are carried out and their vital role in research.

He told journalists that there was "hardly a person in this room" that had not benefited and that some members of the audience would not be alive today if animal experiments had been banned. Sir Walter was speaking in London at a press conference before the annual conference of the British Association for the Advancement of Science in Plymouth Polytechnic next week.

Sir Denis Rooke, president of the association, said that a declaration on animal experiments at last year's conference had now been signed by 1,000 leading scientists, including 31 Nobel prize winners.

As well as demonstrating support for controlled animal experiments, the declaration is aimed at encouraging solidarity in the face of extremists' sometimes violent attacks and threats.

Sir Denis also said that a National Commission on Education had been established with the support of John Major and Neil Kinnock. The independent commission, which follows a call last year by a former association president, Sir Claus Moser, for a visionary but realistic royal commission to arrest the decline in education in England and Wales, is to be chaired by Lord Walton of Detchant, a past president of the British Medical Association and of the General Medical Council.

The commission, which Sir Denis described as a "feather in the cap" for the association, has secured up to £1 million in funding from the Paul Hamlyn Foundation for two years.

Numerous papers on economics will express an emphasis at this year's conference on wealth creation and the need for Britain not only to generate world-beating ideas but also to exploit them. The gathering will also reflect its seaside location with papers on marine science and technology.

JOHN ANGERSON



Steps of hope: a child suffering from cerebral palsy taking part in a three-week summer school at Leeds, West Yorkshire, at which 55 children and their parents are learning the principles of conductive education. The technique, which aims to improve the children's mobility, was pioneered by the Peto Institute in Hungary, where the teachers taking the course trained. Families should be able to continue using the technique at home

Tilbury docks dismissals ruled unfair

By PETER VICTOR

DOCK workers sacked by the port of Tilbury after the abolition of the national docks labour scheme in 1989 were unfairly dismissed, an industrial tribunal ruled yesterday.

In its verdict, the tribunal, which lasted a record 168 days, criticised the Port of London Authority and the Transport and General Workers' Union. It concluded that the 17 shop stewards and two dock workers were chosen for redundancy because of their trade union activities.

The tribunal also found that the authority acted unfairly in not consulting union chiefs about mass redundancy plans. It said both sides had pursued a policy of confrontation in which the real losers were the dock workers. It will decide on September 16 what remedy should be provided.

The port authority said it would not take back the dismissed men, who have already received up to £35,000 each in redundancy payments.

Those dismissed were: Patrick Payne, Anthony Mahoney, Michael Tighe, Colin Coughlin, Frank Shilling, Kevin Hussey, Alan Stevens, Brian Nicholson, John George, Matthew Tighe, Michael Fenn, Richard Desmond, Leslie Morgan, George Lake, Patrick Cole, Terence Mahoney, Terence Morgan, Roy Lerpiniere and Frederick Lismore.

They were among 160 people asked to leave in July 1989 after they led a strike at Tilbury against the abolition of the labour scheme. The port's management has since refused to recognise the union.

The tribunal said that determining the facts had been difficult because many witnesses were less than truthful. With a few exceptions, the tribunal said, "we think that no one has told the tribunal the whole truth".

John McNab, the port's chief executive, and Peter Farrow, its personnel director, were criticised in particular. "We consider that neither Mr McNab nor Mr Farrow were truthful. Both were evasive in giving evidence under cross examination."

The tribunal heard evidence about some of the restrictive practices used by workers.

Attempts to reduce surplus staff and the age of the workforce in the 1980s were hampered by the London Dock Labour Board, which insisted redundancies should be voluntary.

Aaron Pardoe, QC, for the port authority, said: "As presently advised, the port of Tilbury will vigorously resist the reintroduction to the port of any of these applicants," he said.

Ken Reid, the union's regional organiser, said he was pleased with the tribunal verdict, describing it as a vindication. "We are prepared to go as far as the law allows to get our members reinstated, but if that does not happen there is the possibility of substantial compensation. We are talking somewhere in excess of three years' salary, which is about £60,000 per man."

Delight in victory undented

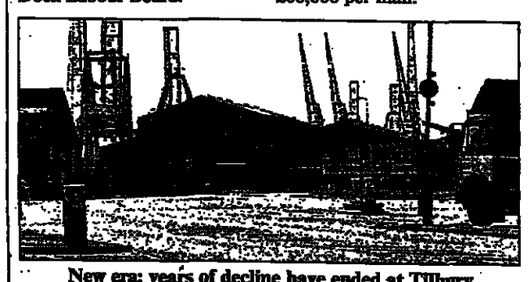
By LIN JENKINS

MANAGERS at the port of Tilbury have long regarded the abolition of the dock labour scheme as a big victory and one that is not dented by losing a case at an industrial tribunal.

Years of stagnation and decline at the port ended swiftly, turning loss into profit, once the system was outlawed. Now John McNab, Tilbury's chief executive, is hoping a management-employee buy-out will prove successful when bids for the port are made towards the end of the year.

The end of the dock labour scheme saw a financial turnaround at Tilbury of about £8 million in a year. In 1989, employing about 1,800, the port handled 5.8 million tonnes of cargo and lost £4.1 million. In 1990, when the workforce had been reduced to 930, the port handled 6.8 million tonnes of cargo and made £3.7 million.

The problem of an ageing workforce has largely disappeared, with 130 of the present workforce having been recruited since the abolition of the scheme, when the average age was 50. The management claimed that under the scheme efforts to employ younger men were frustrated by the National Dock Labour Board.



New era: years of decline have ended at Tilbury

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Allergies linked to gene fault

By NICK NUTTALL, TECHNOLOGY CORRESPONDENT

ALLERGIES such as asthma, hay fever and eczema may be inherited through a single defective gene, according to findings to be presented to a London conference this week.

A gene has been detected on chromosome 11, one of 23 pairs that carry the biological codes of life, which might be responsible for nearly three-quarters of the allergies found in the western world. Research is now being aimed at determining the precise location of the gene on the chromosome. The findings, by a medical researcher at the John Radcliffe hospital, Oxford, are to be presented to the 11th international Genome Mapping workshop.

The studies, by Robert Young of the hospital's asthma genetics group, Nuffield department of clinical medicine, should play an important role in the design of better anti-allergy drugs for disorders afflicting up to a third of people in Britain. They should also pave the way for the development of techniques to prevent allergies in the children of parents carrying the defective gene. The results have come from a study of the genetic material of families whose children are known allergy sufferers. About 250 people were involved.

Studies two years ago by the John Radcliffe group indicated that a gene might be involved in some allergies. The new findings confirm that and demonstrate that the genetic link is widespread.

Republican salute for gunman

The Irish People's Liberation Organisation, a republican splinter group, staged a brief paramilitary-style display at the funeral in west Belfast yesterday of Martin O'Prey, one of its gunmen, shot dead by the Ulster Volunteer Force on Friday (Edward Gorman writes).

Five men dressed in black berets and masks saluted the tricolour-draped coffin.

Man questioned

A man was being questioned at Kensington police station, west London, yesterday in connection with the murder of Sharon Hoare, aged 19, a prostitute who was found battered and asphyxiated at her £1,000-a-month rented flat in Fulham, west London. John Peacock, a car salesman and former boyfriend of Miss Hoare, was arrested at his father's home in Kingswood, Bristol, and taken to London.

CORRECTION

In an article on the Arts page on August 6, about the National Art Collections Fund, Mr Jack Baer, of Hazlitt, Gooden and Fox, should have been quoted as saying: "Our export control system is the best in the world. The problem is that it's underfunded. Governments don't invest in art. Successive governments have failed to take an interest in art — they hate art — and as a country we don't invest sufficiently in art. It's all a narrow-minded attitude because paintings have constantly inflated in value."

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Children's home heads face tougher training

By JILL SHERMAN, SOCIAL SERVICES CORRESPONDENT

ALL officers in charge of children's residential homes will have to be professionally qualified within three years, the government said yesterday.

Accepting recommendations from a report following the "pindown" scandal in Staffordshire, Virginia Bottomley, the health minister, said unqualified heads of homes who refused to undertake the minimum training would be replaced by 1995.

The report into residential child care from Sir William Utting, head of the Social Services Inspectorate, also calls for at least a third of all residential care workers to have a social work qualification within five years. Severe staffing shortages and management failures were identified as among the main factors leading to the strict regime in the Staffordshire homes where children were kept in solitary confinement wearing just their nightclothes.

Sir William said the present situation where 70 per cent of workers in residential homes were unqualified was deplorable. The majority had been in post for fewer than two years. "We have children with the highest count of personal and social difficulties being looked after by staff with the least experience and training in care," he said.

A survey by the inspectorate showed that 20 per cent of officers in charge had no social care qualification and less than 50 per cent of assistant officers in charge had training qualifications.

Sir William's report also calls on local authorities to draw up child care services plans to be submitted to William Waldegrave, the health secretary. Mr Waldegrave should in turn report regularly to Parliament and to the public on progress in implementing the Children Act.

All homes should be regularly checked by inspection units, which will be manned by local authority staff, and should introduce personnel management policies to encourage staff to enter and to stay in residential care, the report says. Government social services inspectors would check whether local authorities were carrying out their extra duties outlined in the Children Act, to be implemented in October.

Sir William said the report's recommendations would cost £30 million. However, he believed that some extra training could be carried out within existing budgets.

Mrs Bottomley said that only £2 million would be needed to ensure that all heads of homes were qualified by 1995. She said that the training budget had more than trebled to £25 million in the past three years, but could give no guarantee about extra resources in advance of the public expenditure round. The first commitment for training resources would be for heads of homes, she said.

The National Children's Home charity welcomed the report but called on the government to give extra cash to local authorities or the report would be "doomed to lie on the shelves of the Department of Health gathering dust".

Allan Levy, QC, who chaired the enquiry into pindown, criticised the report for a lack of urgency and said it did not go far enough. He also questioned the independence of inspection units because of their staffing by local authority employees.

Student triumphs at A-level

By DAVID TYTLER
EDUCATION EDITOR

KEVIN Ramsden, aged 18, has achieved among the country's best A-level results, with six A grades and two credits in special mathematics and physics papers.

Kerrigan Redman, his headmaster at Bridlington upper school, Humberside, said: "They are the best results I have ever heard of. They are absolutely outstanding and we are delighted with them. They are a great credit both to him and the school."

Kevin gained his A grades in mathematics, further mathematics, physics, chemistry, biology and general studies. He is now working as a waiter and general assistant in a Bridlington café to earn money before going up to Oxford in the autumn to read physics.

In his GCSE examinations two years ago he gained seven A grades and two B grades. Nearly 700,000 pupils aged 16 in England and Wales are now waiting for their GCSE results.



Ramsden: achievements praised by head

Hale and hearty on diet of the Med

From THOMSON PRENTICE, MEDICAL CORRESPONDENT IN AMSTERDAM

HEART specialists yesterday urged the British to adopt a Mediterranean diet after researchers showed that it significantly reduced the risks of heart attacks.

A study by French doctors of the effects of the low-fat diet on patients who had recovered from a heart attack was presented to the annual congress of the European Society of Cardiology in Amsterdam.

The diet, high in fruit, vegetables, fish and olive oil but low in red meat, is typical of that eaten in Italy, Spain and the south of France. It is also high in antioxidant vitamins which, a British researcher said yesterday, were important in heart disease prevention.

The 200 volunteers in the French study, who were on the diet for up to two years, were also given an experimental margarine containing a fatty acid composition similar to olive oil as a substitute for butter.

Serge Renaud, of the Hospital Cardiovasculaire, Lyon, who led the study, said: "Some of the beneficial changes occur within eight weeks of dietary change."

He offered "six commandments" for healthy eating. They are: more bread, vegetables and pulses, and fish; less beef, lamb and pork, replaced by poultry; no day without fruit and no butter or cream. The diet altered the chemistry of the patients' blood, making it less fatty and less susceptible to coronary thrombosis.

Evidence supporting the finding was produced yesterday by Simon Davies, of the London Chest hospital. He told the congress that diets rich in antioxidant vitamins, such as beta carotine and vitamins C and E, might help to prevent fatty deposits obstructing arteries.

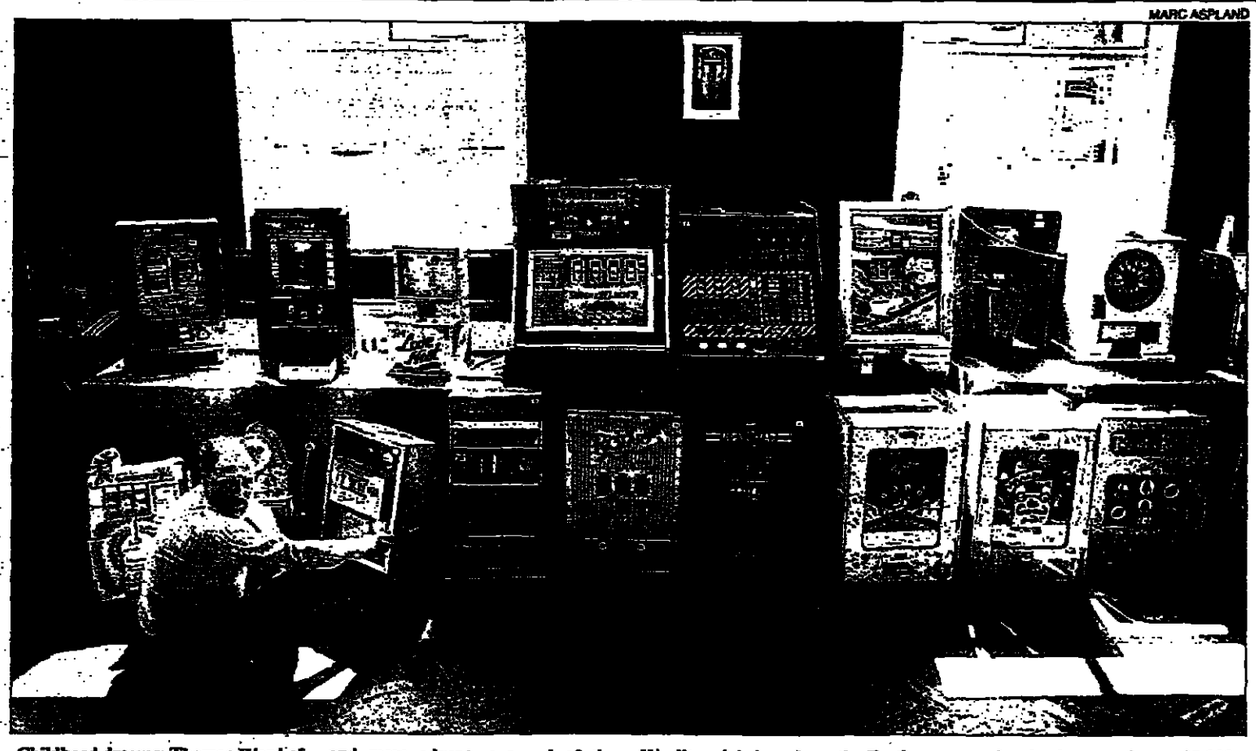
In Amsterdam, Desmond Julian, medical director of the British Heart Foundation, welcomed the findings.

☐ Heart specialists are neglecting thousands of patients who underwent cardiac surgery in childhood and have grown up still needing expert care, a cardiologist said yesterday.

The plight of the 25,000 "forgotten children" has been created by the gulf between paediatric cardiology and its adult equivalent, Jane Somerville told the cardiology congress.

Dr Somerville, of the Royal Brompton and National Heart hospital, London, said that most specialists in the adult field had little understanding or interest in congenital heart disease.

MARC ASPLAND



Childhood dreams: Thomas Ward of Bonham's checks out a one-arm bandit yesterday as he sits among amusement arcade machines to be sold today by the auction house in Knightsbridge, west London. Pinball tables, fruit machines and juke boxes have always appealed to the younger and more adventurous end of the saleroom market (John Shaw writes). Among the one-arm bandits on offer is a Buckley Bones dice gaming machine made in America in the 1930s and rescued from an old amusement arcade. It carries an estimate of £1,000-2,000. A Wurlitzer jukebox, from the Forties, an essential part of bars and soda fountains in the days of Glenn Miller, Tommy Dorsey and the early Frank Sinatra, is also being auctioned. The 1015 model from 1946, with wooden cabinet, coloured strips of light down each side and a 24-record selection, carries a £5,000-£8,000 estimate. An Ami Continental II with 200 selections, part of every coffee bar in the early Sixties, with a domed glass cover and a semi-circular selection panel, has a pre-sale estimate of £1,000-£1,500.

BR tries again to shut unsafe crossings

By MICHAEL DYNES
TRANSPORT CORRESPONDENT

BRITISH Rail is renewing attempts to close ten footpath and bridleway crossings on the East Coast mainline between London and Edinburgh which do not meet safety standards.

A new closure bill is expected to be submitted to the next parliamentary session in November. British Rail said that Victorian railway legislation meant that dangerous crossings could be closed only with Parliament's approval.

In spite of mounting concern over the safety of many of the estimated 2,000 railway crossings in the UK, British Rail failed to win enough support from MPs for a second reading of the East coast mainline safety bill in May.

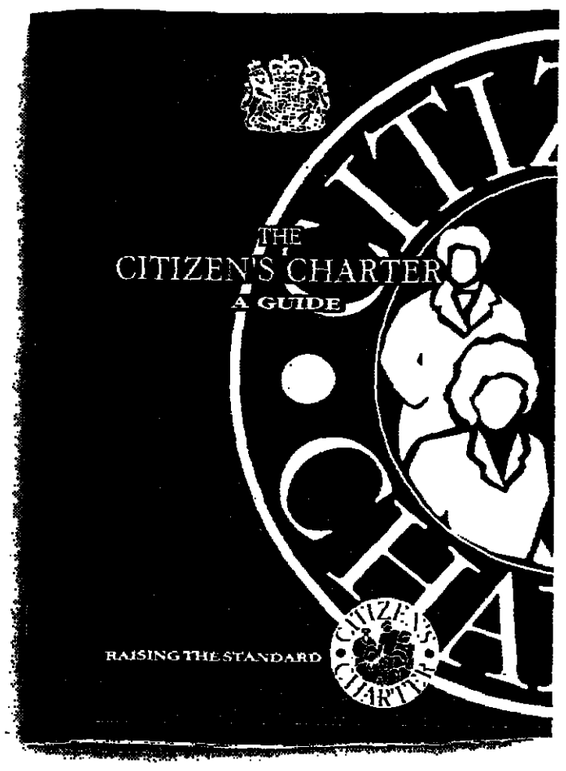
British Rail's decision follows a report by the Health and Safety Executive into the death of a mother and two children at a crossing at Bessacarr, South Yorkshire, in June last year. The report called on British Rail to obtain the necessary parliamentary powers to close all crossings which do not meet basic safety requirements.

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Police move against gangsters and traffickers to break spiral of decline and despair in 'Britain's Bronx'

20 held in Moss Side drugs and gun raids

By RONALD FAUX

POLICE arrested 20 people and seized weapons and drugs in a series of raids in Moss Side, Greater Manchester, early yesterday. More than 200 officers went to 40 addresses in the Alexandra Park area in the move against drug trafficking and gang warfare that have blighted the area and in recent months.

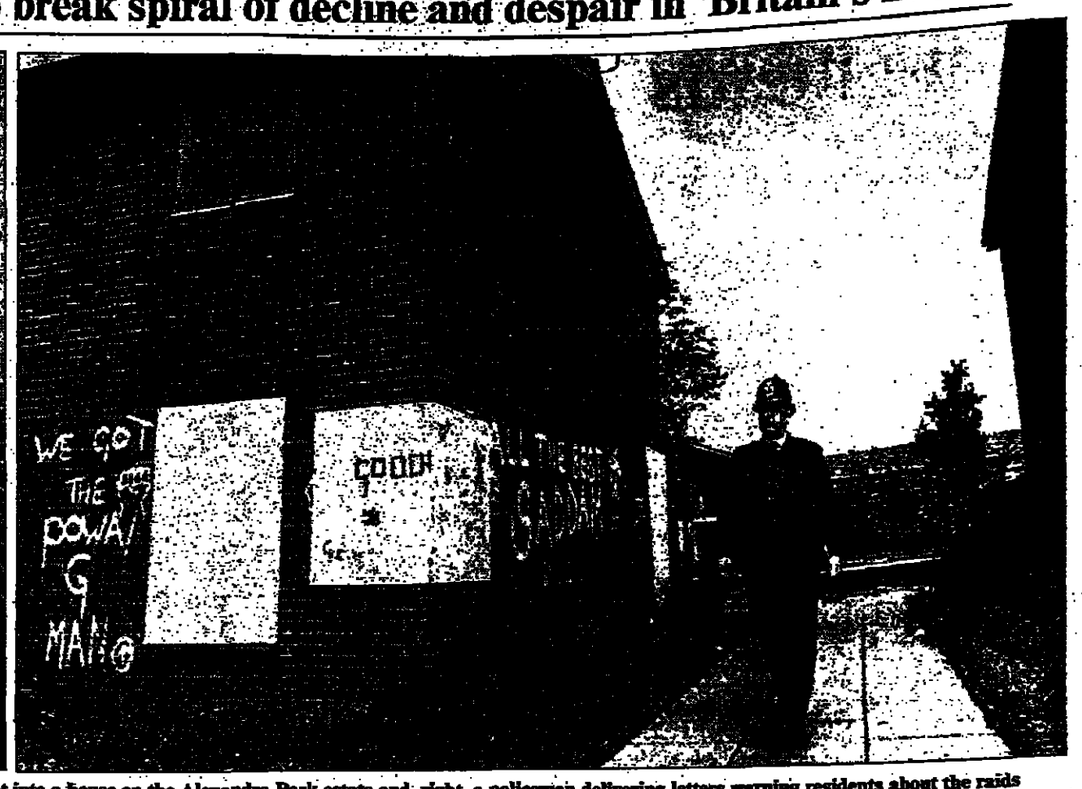
Drug squad officers are understood to have infiltrated the gangs involved in the traffic and gathered a catalogue of evidence against dealers in an operation continued during recent months and code-named Operation China. The climax came at 6.30am yesterday when police burst into homes and the whole of the Gooch Close area of Alexandra Park was sealed off and searched.

A loaded semi-automatic firearm and a crossbow were seized and a quantity of drugs, believed to the heroin, was sent for forensic science examination. Community leaders in Moss Side, dubbed "Britain's Bronx", were warned about the police operation and 1,500 letters were sent to households in the area appealing for co-operation. The letters were delivered yesterday after 40 police vehicles had left Sedgley Park training college where the 200 uniformed and plainclothes officers were finally briefed for the operation. A police firearms team was on standby. The suddeness of the police action caught many of the 26 targeted individuals unawares. There were no injuries during the raids.

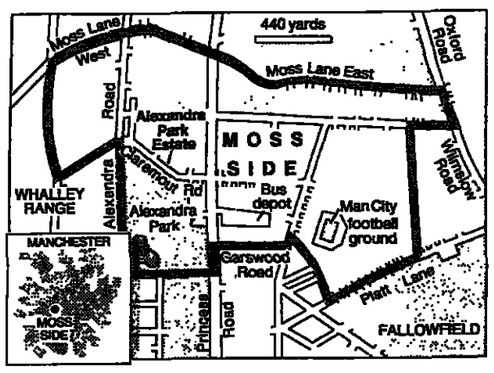
In the letter to residents, Superintendent Stuart Foster of Green Heys police station, said that the operation had two aims: to improve the quality of life for the majority of law-abiding people living on the Alexandra Park estate and to create a climate in which criminal behaviour could not prosper.

The letter said: "Most of the officers are locally based at Moss Side. Please help them carry out this difficult task which is being done on your behalf. The police alone cannot solve the problem in this area. We need you active co-operation. Help us to help you."





Tough tactics: officers using a battering ram to get into a house on the Alexandra Park estate and, right, a policeman delivering letters warning residents about the raids



Shabby face behind a maze of crime and violence

RESOLUTE action by police against the gangs and drug dealers in Moss Side had become inevitable.

The 200 officers who descended on the Alexandra Park estate at dawn yesterday hope to staunch a brutal and lucrative industry that has thrived in the shabby, mid-Sixties streets south of the city centre (Ronald Faux writes).

Moss Side has for years been in a spiral of decline powered by high unemployment, a lack of industry prepared to move into the area because of its reputation and the growing resentment of a black community which sees clear evidence that it is treated unfairly.

The Right Rev Colin Scott, Bishop of Hulme, says: "If you are a youngster leaving school, particularly if you are a black youngster, the chances of getting a job are very slim. With little chance of a job and little chance of money the temptation from the drug dealers is great. It is easy money and to those with little prospect of a legitimate job it is very tempting. If you see a young person driving by in an expensive car with a portable telephone you can guess how he earned it."

The sprawl of council-owned houses and flats within three-quarters of a mile of Manchester city centre are home to more than 13,000. The flats and houses, with their featureless flat-roofed boxed design, may have pleased the architects when the blocks were built but have proved less popular than the back-to-back Victorian terraces that they replaced.

A maze of cul-de-sacs helps the criminals to evade police and inevitably it is the problem families who are often housed here. Government schemes to alleviate unemployment have brought £1.4 million into the area but gang warfare, six murders in the past four years and drug pushers who operate openly in the street have destroyed Moss Side's already shabby reputation, making life difficult for the elderly people who live there and abide by the law.

The belief is that Moss Side has become a marketplace for drug dealers based outside the district who find an easy recruiting ground for drug pushers among the young unemployed. Some pushers are as young as 12 or 14, drawn into the culture of high earnings, violence and gang law. Their customers, too, come largely from outside the area.

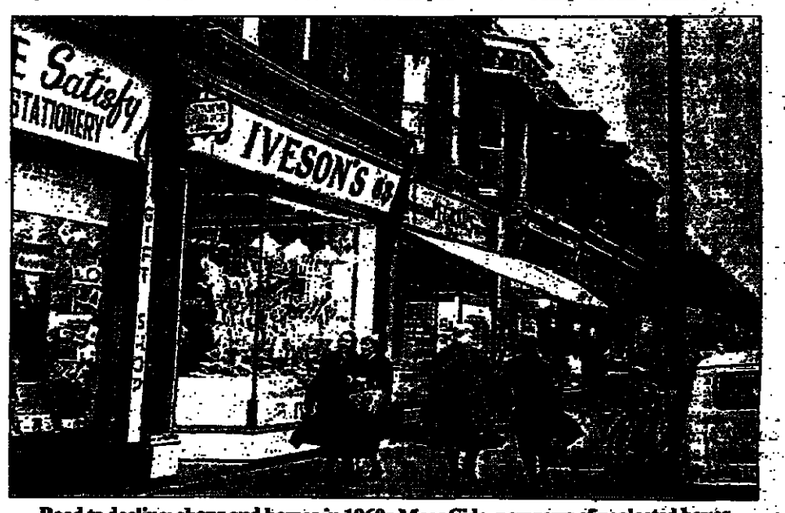
Even so, the local community is ambivalent towards firm policing, however much it disapproves of the drug trade. The bishop says: "You get both responses, welcoming the action by the police and disapproving of it — sometimes from the same people. They are law abiding and want to be protected but feel sometimes the police are heavy handed and indiscriminate. There has been some clumsy policing but on the other hand they have a very difficult job to do."

Whether Operation China will put an end to the Gooch Close Gang and the Pepperhill Mob remains to be seen. Many locals believe other similar police operations will be needed to end a trade that is so deep-rooted and so highly rewarded in Moss Side.

On the positive side community workers say that the trouble is being caused by a relatively small number who have succeeded for so long that they have developed an arrogance that has led them to arm themselves with guns, knives and machetes to support their trade in narcotics and to deal with rivals.

The government and the city council support schemes to improve Moss Side but the figures are depressingly like those in other inner city areas with similar problems of crime and drugs. More than 20 per cent are out of work, more than 40 per cent are Afro-Caribbean with statistically less chance of finding work, 30 per cent receive income support and 13 per cent are single parents.

As a despairing community worker put the dilemma: "With a reputation like Moss Side has got for drugs and gangsters, who is going to come here to bring up their family or set up a business?"



Road to decline: shops and homes in 1960s Moss Side, now rows of neglected boxes

Nuclear safety delay criticised

By SHEILA GUNN, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

POLLUTION inspectors have taken up to seven years to introduce tighter controls on emissions at nuclear sites, the National Audit Office, the public spending watchdog, says today.

The setting of tighter limits for some emissions from nuclear plants at Trawsfynydd, Gwynedd, Harwell, Oxfordshire and Winfrith, Dorset, began in the mid-1980s and will not be completed until later this year, the audit office found during its enquiry into the pollution inspectorate.

A three-year review cycle was ordered in 1985 because of concern about discharges of liquid effluent from the Atomic Energy Establishment at Winfrith. After the first review, the inspectors said the authorisations setting out the emission limits at 19 nuclear sites needed to be improved as many were outdated.

"In March 1991 the inspectorate reviewed progress and prepared an overall timetable for the remaining revisions," the audit office says. "This showed that ten of the 54 authorisations requiring revision had been completed and that the balance of the work would not be completed until 1992, ie, some seven years after the programme began."

The government's "green" legislation requires all sites with a pollution risk to have emission levels checked at least every four years. The inspectors said that they expected the same regularity for nuclear sites.

☐ A Commons enquiry committee has called for an urgent review of the Youth Training scheme after complaining that the government is failing to fulfil its promise of a place for every school leaver. The report from the Tory-dominated Commons employment committee emphasised the importance of access to training for all young people. "Given concern that the Youth Training guarantee is not being fulfilled everywhere it is important that the (employment) department should ensure that shortfalls are identified and rectified promptly," it said.

"We urge the government to undertake an urgent review, with the careers service and the Training and Enterprise Councils (TECs) of whether the YT guarantee to this summer's school leavers is being fulfilled."

National Audit Office report — control and monitoring of pollution: Review of the pollution inspectorate (Stationery Office, £8.30)

House of Commons employment committee 4th report on EC Social Charter and 5th report on TECs and vocational training (Stationery Office, £11.85 and £6.40)

£100,000 stolen from Arabs

By STEWART TENDLER
CRIME CORRESPONDENT

AN ARMED gang broke into the suite of a group of Arab businessmen at one of London's luxury hotels yesterday, attacking the men and stealing up to £100,000 in cash and travellers' cheques.

The three men, armed with a handgun and dressed in suits, entered the Hyatt Carlton Tower hotel in Knightsbridge just after lunch. The men, said to be in their 30s, reached the suite on the third floor and, posing as security men, asked to be let in.

Paula Chesterman, the hotel's marketing manager, said: "It was a very discreet operation. Nobody saw them go into the hotel and nobody saw them come out."

Two of the businessmen were injured in the attack and were taken to taken to Westminster hospital for treatment but not detained.

Police and hotel staff were last night studying film from closed-circuit cameras which cover all the hotel's floors. Police say they hope that the three men were filmed as they made their way round the hotel. The hotel said that staff tried to maintain security but that it was impossible to seal off a hotel.

Share deal covers Independent loss

By MELINDA WITTSTOCK, MEDIA CORRESPONDENT

THE two main shareholders of *The Independent* are to increase their interests in the paper in return for an extra £16.25 million of funding to cover operating losses until the advertising market recovers.

The newspaper, which yesterday reported a £6.46 million pre-tax loss for the six months to March 31, is to allow the shareholders to increase their stakes to as much as 20.59 per cent each.

Spain's *El Pais* and Italy's *La Repubblica*, the two continental newspapers which last November injected £21.5 million into *The Independent* in exchange for stakes of 14.99 per cent each, are underwriting the issue of £8.25 million of new shares to existing shareholders as part of a financing package which also includes an £8 million loan from three banks.

If no shareholders take up their rights to new shares, *El Pais* and *La Repubblica* will end up with 41 per cent of Newspaper Publishing, the parent company of the seven-day-a-week title. The founders, including Andreas Whittam Smith, the paper's editor and chief executive, are not taking up their rights to the new shares.

Robert Maxwell, the proprietor of Mirror Group Newspapers, who holds 6.1 per cent of Newspaper Publishing, refused to say yesterday whether he would expand his shareholding by taking up his entitlement or use the suspension of share limits to mount a takeover.

Suzanne Taverne, head of strategic planning at *The Independent*, said abolishing the share limits would protect the paper from a hostile takeover. "Two substantial minority shareholders will make it more difficult for someone to take over the company as a whole," she said, adding that Mr Maxwell had not given any indication of his intentions.

When the newspaper was launched six years ago, individual shareholdings were restricted to 10 per cent and since extended to 15 per cent.

Circulation of *The Independent* has dropped to 369,000 in July from 407,347 a year ago. The £6.46 million loss includes a provision of £1.9 million to pay for the merger of the daily and Sunday papers.

● Journalists on *Which?*, the consumer affairs magazine, will today stage a one-day strike in protest at 40 redundancies announced by their employer, the Consumers' Association.

Fort may reveal Roman strategy

By PETER DAVENPORT

THE combination of an aeroplane's detour and the dry weather has led to the discovery of a Roman fort. The find, in a wheatfield in North Yorkshire, may lead to historians reassessing the strategy behind the early military occupation of northern Britain.

The three-acre site was discovered by Bob Bewley, the head of the northern air photography unit of the Royal Commission on the Historical Monuments of England. He spotted a rectangular outline formed by wheat that was darker and taller than the rest of the field.

His Cessna aircraft was flying a dog-leg detour between Castleford and Selby, to avoid airspace around the RAF training station at Church Fenton, after a reconnaisance flight over Lincolnshire.

"It is a regular flight-path and we must have overflown the field 50 or 60 times without noticing a thing," Dr Bewley said yesterday. "It was pure chance it was seen on this occasion and very exciting because Roman forts are rarely discovered these days."

Dr Bewley, who spends up to eight hours a day in planes to carry out aerial photography, said that the dry weather had emphasised the ramparts' double ditches where the wheat had grown greener and taller than the surrounding crop.

The outline has now disappeared as the farmer harvested the wheat last weekend. It is hoped that archaeologists will be allowed to take an initial look at the field as it is ploughed over and that a detailed investigation will take place later. The precise location is being kept secret to ensure that it is not interfered with before an examinations can be made.

One question to be investigated, Dr Bewley said, was the reason for the location of the fort, lying between Roman military settlements at Brough, Humberside, and Castleford, West Yorkshire. It might have been built to protect traffic on the river Aire, which has retreated from the site since the fort was built.

If investigations prove that the fort dates from the early Roman period, about AD 75, the settlement could have played an important role in the conquest of the Brigantian tribe. "There is no doubt that this find is likely to be of national importance and full details are being passed to English Heritage," said Dr Bewley.

Mother let off jail stole again

A young mother, freed by the Court of Appeal two years ago after being jailed by Judge Pickles while she was pregnant, began a nine-month sentence yesterday for new offences.

Wendy Bull, aged 24, of Batley, West Yorkshire, who has four children, admitted 11 shoplifting and motoring offences at Leeds crown court. She was sentenced to a similar period by Judge Pickles for theft, attempted theft and breaching a probation order. The appeal court replaced the sentence with a probation order, which was still in force when she went shoplifting.

Girl found

Veda Fenton, aged two, snatched from her home in Hornsey, north London, two months ago, was reunited with her mother last night when FBI agents arrested her father in Philadelphia.

Stabbing hunt

Detectives are searching for two men wearing multi-coloured Bermuda shorts after Steven Parker, aged 17, died yesterday from stab wounds received in an attack at a Southampton lodging house.

Gas cloud alert

Villagers at Woolavington, Somerset, were warned by police to stay indoors when 100 kilograms of nitric gas escaped from a Royal Ordnance factory. The cloud dispersed without causing injury.

Train death

An unidentified man was killed by a train as he walked along an underground line connecting Lime Street and Edge Hill stations, Liverpool.

Fish fry

The marbled electric ray, a Mediterranean fish with a charge of some 220 volts, attracted to Britain's south coast by the warm weather, has given shocks to two Hampshire fishermen.

Label of love

Counterfeit designer clothes seized by Essex trading standards officials will be sent today to patients at a Romanian psychiatric hospital.

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Grants may help British growers crack the nut market

By ROBIN YOUNG

A TRADITIONAL British crop that last year faced extinction under European Community regulations has a chance of receiving an EC grant.

Kentish cobnut growers will tomorrow announce the formation of a co-operative, Kentish Cobnuts. If it is successful they might be able to claim from the EC up to 60 per cent of the cost of setting it up, and up to 5 per cent of their turnover in the first year, with further grants for modernising.

The contrast with last year, when it was realised that a proposed EC directive setting limits on the moisture content of hazelnuts would make it illegal to market undried cobnuts, could scarcely be more marked. The EC's draft regulation has been put in abeyance and the growers are looking forward to harvesting a bumper crop in about ten days' time.





Rich picking: John Cannon inspects the cobnuts. A perfect specimen is pictured right

John Cannon, the co-operative's chairman, said it has 25 members so far. Most are concentrated around Plaxtol, Borough Green and Ightham in Kent. There is one member in East Sussex and others in Gloucestershire.

Mr Cannon, from Plaxtol, estimates there are more than 100 acres of hazelnut orchards, or platts, in production, but in 1913 there were more than 7,300 in Kent alone. Paradoxically, Kentish cobs are not cobs at all but filberts, the difference being that cobnuts are usually round and only partly encased in short husks. Filberts, possibly deriving their name from "full beard", are long and encased by the calyx. Kentish cobs will be on sale in branches of Waitrose and possibly other supermarkets. Mr Cannon says they are best eaten moist and fresh in the first weeks after harvest and can be used in confectionery when dried.

Their superiority, even after a year's keeping, has recently been proved by red squirrels in Cumbria. A man who had been supporting them with Sicilian hazelnuts was running low on supplies and asked Mr Cannon for leftovers. When the Kentish nuts were mixed with the others the discriminating squirrels sorted them out, ate the nuts from Kent and left the Sicilian ones to rot.

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Yugoslav presidency searches for peace as Croatia toll rises

From DESSA TREVISAN IN BELGRADE

YUGOSLAVIA's state presidency and leaders of the six republics met in Belgrade yesterday in another attempt to end the fighting in Croatia as a Croatian town was shelled and ten people were killed in the republic despite the cease-fire agreed two weeks ago.

Croatia has threatened to announce radical political measures, presumably a declaration of independence, unless the fighting stops. The Croatian crisis committee has decided to ask the European Community to lift the arms embrago so the republic can confront "an aggression" co-ordinated by Serbian rebels and the federal army.

Vladimir Seks, the vice-president of the Croatian parliament, has accused the Yugoslav army of supporting Serbian rebels after Osijek, the capital of Slavonia, was attacked yesterday with heavy mortar shells in which at least four people were killed, including a woman in a make-shift refugee centre who was killed by a stray bullet, and many injured. "This was a war crime against the civilian population," Mr Seks said.

Milan Ramljak, a Croatian deputy prime minister, said the republic had sent a protest note to the presidency meeting, demanding "an immediate ruling and the punishment" of those responsible for the bombardment. He said Croatian security organs knew of the impending attack last Saturday and were able to take preventive measures, which avoided higher casualties.

The cathedral, post office, blocks of flats, shops and businesses in Osijek were hit when shelling began at midnight, apparently from a nearby federal army training base, an official from the Croatian interior ministry said. There was no confirmation from the army that its base had been used.

Zdravko Tomac, a second deputy prime minister, said that Croatia's new coalition government, formed last month, was losing patience with Serbia. "If Serbia doesn't stop its imperialistic policy against Croatia, Croatia will have to mobilise all its forces," he said.

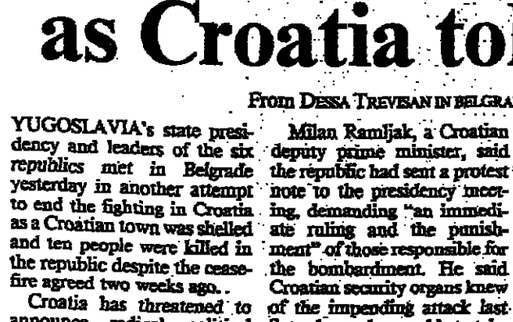
In more heavy fighting between Serbs and Croatian police, three people were killed, while further west, in the town of Pakrac, a battle has been raging since the weekend when Serbian militias, using mortars and machinegun fire, attacked the police station.

The Serbian commander there said that a "decisive offensive is in course for western Slavonia", indicating that the Serbian militias intend taking over territories hitherto outside their target areas.

The truce has encouraged both sides to try to regain lost territories. In Krajina, the region where autonomy was first proclaimed, Milan Martic, the head of the Serbian militia, said: "We are now preparing to take over the port of Zadar because Serbia as well as the Yugoslav army must have an Adriatic port."

There are fears in Zagreb that the coup in the Soviet Union will encourage Serbian hardliners and the federal army to step up the military pressure operations. The groundwork was laid earlier this year when Yugoslav generals began acting on their own initiative. The army supreme command, which has said that Yugoslavia is already in a state of civil war, has continued to say it would repel any attack. The army is on battle alert and thousands of reservists have been called up.

The violence has had a disastrous affect on the ailing economy and its continuation could provoke hardship and trigger social upheaval. According to official figures, industrial production will be halved by the end of the year.





Road to destruction: Scott Brooks, a policeman in Dartmouth, Massachusetts, surveying boats tossed ashore by Hurricane Bob as it passed through New England. The storm had swirled north on Monday, whipping densely populated centres and fashionable resorts of the eastern seaboard with heavy rain and winds of more than 100 mph (AP reports from Narragansett, Rhode Island). The hurricane blew down trees and power lines, shattered windows, and ripped roofs off buildings. At least four deaths and 20 injuries were attributed to the storm as it sped northward from the Carolinas into Maine. The storm knocked out power to at least 1.5 million businesses and households. John McKernan, the governor of Maine, closed state government and ordered evacuations of coastal residents. Navy submarines fled their berths in Connecticut for the safety of the deep. Nuclear power plants cut power as a precaution. A special storm barrier was lowered in Narragansett Bay to protect Providence, Rhode Island, which was devastated by a tidal surge in a 1938 hurricane. City officials said that the barrier worked. Hurricane Bob, the second tropical storm of the season, brought gusts up to 138mph before it began fizzling late on Monday, moving north towards Canada.

Serbs fear Hungarians want Vojvodina back

From ERNEST BECK IN SUBOTICA, VOJVODINA

TENSIONS are boiling beneath the outward calm of this tranquil city, far from the strife in Croatia, 60 miles to the west. At a pavement cafe an angry Serb suddenly screams insults when he hears a Hungarian-speaker seated nearby. "You'll be needing Cyrillic soon," he yelled, angry at hearing the Magyar tongue.

The incident underlines fears that this city and perhaps all of Vojvodina, home to more than half of Yugoslavia's 400,000 ethnic Hungarians and now a safe haven to those fleeing the fighting, could soon be drawn into the conflict and caught in the crossfire of ethnic tensions and territorial disputes.

Many Hungarian speakers blame the growing ill-will on the rise of Serbian nationalism. They point to a slow but steady attack on minority rights and institutions by Serbian authorities in Belgrade. Hungarian-language schools and theatres are being closed down, and Hungarian radio and television programmes have been curtailed.

Most worrying, however, is a recent decision by the Serbian parliament to ban the use of Hungarian street names even in areas where Hungarians are in the majority. In Subotica, all street signs are now in Hungarian and Romanised Serbo-Croat, a telling symbol of the tolerance which many people say reigned in Vojvodina until a new Serbian constitution in 1988 centralised authority at the expense of widespread regional autonomy.

Serbs argue that school closings and other measures are the result of the need to rationalise public facilities. But, according to Hungarians, they are simply strikes against cultural differences seen by Serbia as a threat to its domination. As one man on the street put it: "If the Hungarians live in our country and eat our bread, then they should speak our language."

Such statements are cause for alarm, according to Karolyi Dudas, leader of the Union of Democratic Hungarians, which represents the community with eight seats in the Serbian parliament. "People are afraid and there is good reason to be," he said, pointing to posters around the city accusing Hungarian army recruits of being "traitors, deserters and separatists" because they fled to Hungary instead of taking part in what they call "a fratricidal pan-Slavic civil war".

This and earlier revelations about Hungarian arms sales to Croatia fuel Serbian fears that the Hungarian government and Jozsef Antall, the prime minister, want to influence events in Yugoslavia and secretly harbour dreams of recovering the Vojvodina, which was cut from Hungary by the 1920 Trianon treaty.

Zimbabwe police evict tribe

From MICHAEL HARTNACK IN HARARE

ZIMBABWEAN police yesterday continued their week-long drive to evict more than 1,000 members of the Tangwena tribe from forestry commission land they claim belonged to their ancestors. The evictions mirror those attempted by Ian Smith's rebel regime 20 years ago.

"Youngsters, children, are being exposed to the biting cold," said Matemba Mutasa, a lawyer acting for 107 families whose belongings are being removed from huts and dumped at a nearby bus stop in the Bende Gap area of the Nyanga mountains. He expects their homes to be burnt or bulldozed when the evictions are complete.

In recognition of his long confrontation with the rebel government of Mr Smith, President Mugabe declared Chief Rekayi Tangwena a national hero when he died in 1984. Mr Smith himself said in Harare yesterday: "This government thinks that people won't remember that they are doing things they criticised us for doing."

Although Rhodesian officials claimed that the Tangwena were the descendants of Mozambican migrant workers, and that their primitive methods of cultivation were destroying the fragile mountain ecosystem, Chief Tangwena said that the land had been theirs since "time immemorial". After independence in 1980, he urged his people to claim the entire area, much of it state-owned pine forest. In 1986, the Tangwena set fire to plantations in revenge for a forestry commission attempt to enforce a court eviction order.

Mr Mutasa said a delegation had failed to see Mr Mugabe last month after the expiry of another court injunction to move, but had been assured by senior ministers that they need not obey it.

Gandhi suspect commits suicide

From CHRISTOPHER THOMAS IN DELHI

SIVARASAN, nicknamed "One-eyed Jack", who was suspected of masterminding the assassination of Rajiv Gandhi, killed himself yesterday as police burst into his hideout in the southern city of Bangalore. A number of other members of the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam have recently committed suicide, and most of the leaders of the murder gang are now thought to be dead.

Police had mounted India's biggest manhunt for Sivarasan, who used many aliases. He was cornered in a suburban house and shot himself as police charged through the door. Six alleged accomplices, including a woman, committed suicide by swallowing cyanide.

Sivarasan, whose had lost his left eye, was described as the chief of intelligence for the Tigers. He was identified in a photograph taken moments before the bomb explosion that killed Gandhi three months ago. He had been posing as a journalist to get close to the prime minister. Police believe he was a back-up assassin in case the bomb, attached to a woman's waist, failed to go off.

The murder enquiry has been constantly hampered by suicides. Tigers leaders require fighters to carry cyanide pills and to swallow them rather than be interrogated. The police have put vast resources into the investigation, and have received many anonymous tip-offs.

Acting on information from a milkman, police and paramilitary forces had been building up a presence outside the Bangalore hideout for 24 hours. Members of the National Security Guard had been specially flown in from Delhi. Hundreds of members of the police reserve also took part in the assault. There were exchanges of fire for several hours before the house was stormed.

The hunt for others involved in Gandhi's assassination continues. The Tigers are under siege in the south Indian state of Tamil Nadu, once a safe haven, because of outrage over Gandhi's death.

Island rebels opt for glory without power

MADAGASCAR is in a state of virtual anarchy after an revolt that has left it without effective government.

With President Ratsiraka isolated and silent in his palace seven miles south of the capital, and the opposition Forces Vives (Living Forces) curiously absent from the corridors of power they claim to have seized, the island nation is drifting in benign confusion.

Its impoverished but good-humoured 12 million population does not appear unduly concerned by the power vacuum, and has resumed its routine with a surreal air of normality. Politicians come and go, but life goes on for peasants in the fields and hawkers in the cities.

Mr Ratsiraka, who dismissed his government last month in a vain attempt to attract largely discredited opposition figures into his government, is in an invidious position. He remains the head of state, but the opposition has control of the capital and some provincial centres, and the army is professing neutrality. The effect is that nobody is in control.

A tour of ministries yesterday found only a few civil servants attending to routine affairs in largely deserted buildings. Portraits of Mr Ratsiraka in naval dress uniform gaze imperiously at empty rooms and silent corridors.

> Madagascar is drifting in benign confusion, its president isolated, **Gavin Bell** reports fron Antananarivo

The chief of protocol at the foreign ministry said that a few members of staff were maintaining contact with embassies and issuing visas, but all other work had ground to a halt. There had been no sign of opposition leaders who pledged on Monday to assume power, he said. Asked what he would do if they turned up later, he said: "We are closed in the afternoons."

He helpfully tried to arrange an interview with Mr Ratsiraka, but failed to contact any of the president's staff by telephone. "They are absent for the moment; perhaps you might try again tomorrow."

Benoit Rabemanantsoa, the secretary-general of the interior ministry, was the only person prepared to speak on behalf of the beleaguered president. "He acceded to virtually all popular demands by initiating liberal reforms and inviting the opposition to join him in implementing them, but they rejected him. Among them are men who held senior positions, in the administration for 14 years, and now they say the institutions they helped to create are no longer valid. It's bizarre. They are just political opportunists."

Mr Rabemanantsoa is scornful of the tactics and policies of the Forces Vives, a broad coalition of politicians, trade unions and church groups. "They have no programme, they are a joke. If these people really came to power, by what miracle could they restore order, revive the economy, and meet the aspirations of the people?"

If Mr Rabemanantsoa had his way, he would "apply the law" and bring the insurrectionists to trial. But there seems little immediate prospect of that, with the gendarmerie confining itself to civil duties and the armed forces ambiguously expressing support for democratic reform without specifying who should implement them. France, the former colonial power and main foreign influence on the island, appears equally irresolute. Its new ambassador has conferred with both sides since arriving last week, but has not yet presented his credentials to the president.



Laid-back revolution: Madagascans wait to hear opposition speakers in Antananarivo

Death of Briton may have Calvi link

Rome – The mysterious death of Jeanette May in Italy in 1980 may have been linked to that of Roberto Calvi, the banker found hanging under Blackfriars Bridge, London, in 1982, and to the murder, also in London, of Sergio Vaccari, an Italian antiques dealer (Paul Bompard writes).

The theory is suggested by the open verdict which closes the ten-year investigation into the deaths of May, aged 41, the British former wife of Baron Evelyn Rothschild, and Gabriella Guerin, her Italian companion. The two women disappeared while inexplicably out walking in a snowstorm in the mountains east of Rome on November 29, 1980. Their bodies were found miles away a year later.

Two days before they disappeared, jewellery worth £500,000 was stolen from the Rome branch of Christie's. In September 1982, Vaccari – suspected of having connections with the Mafia – was killed in his flat. Jewellery from the Rome robbery was in his safe, and May's name was in his address book. Vaccari was considered a key figure during Calvi's stay in London.

Hostage pledge

Beirut – A Shia Muslim leader said Iran's decision to end the ordeal of hostages in Lebanon is irreversible. The man, who requested anonymity, said: "The changes in the Soviet leadership will have their huge repercussions worldwide and the Middle East, but they will not affect the hostage release process." *(Reuter)*

PLO Carey plea

London – Yassir Arafat, chairman of the Palestine Liberation Organisation, has asked Dr George Carey, the Archbishop of Canterbury, to persuade America to oppose Israeli attempts to annex Jerusalem. Afif Safieh, head of the PLO's London office, delivered Mr Arafat's letter to the archbishop. *(Reuter)*

Ailing Berliner

Berlin – An official psychiatric examination has found that Erich Mielke, the former head of the East German Stasi, is unfit for trial, his defence lawyer said. Herr Mielke, aged 83, is charged with corruption and human rights abuses. Justice authorities in Berlin are to decide what to do next week. *(Reuter)*

Bakhtiar denial

Paris – France rejected allegations by newspapers that police dragged their feet in the hunt for the killers of Shapour Bakhtiar, the former Iranian prime minister, so not to jeopardise relations between Paris and Tehran. The trail of three Iranians suspected of the murder on August 8 now appears to have been lost. *(Reuter)*

Marcos charges

Manila – The Philippines filed a fourth set of criminal charges against Imelda Marcos, widow of President Marcos, since President Aquino lifted a ban on her return last month. She is charged with spiriting out $1 million from the country in 1986. *(Reuter)*

Belgium counts down to a Walloon on the moon

From TOM WALKER IN BRUSSELS

CONTINENTALS tend to give Belgians a hard time, cracking endless jokes about frites, chocolates and Manikin Pis. Indeed, anyone with experience of living in Belgium will know that the place ticks over in a splendidly chaotic fashion, with a bulging bureaucracy interfering in many aspects of daily life. Politics are punctuated by seemingly endless arguments between the francophone Walloons and the Dutch-speaking Flemings.

Nobody can take for granted what would be routine elsewhere. Try getting a telephone installed within six months; obtaining an identity card without at least four trips to the town hall; telling the old lady opposite you in a restaurant that really you would prefer her to leave her dog outside next time .... Patience is required in a society that still likes to do things at its own pace.

So it is something of a surprise to discover that, in the most high-tech race of all, man's desire to conquer the universe, Belgium knocks spots off its neighbours. Putting a Walloon on the moon isn't as far fetched as it might seem. In the early days of the European Space Agency in the 1970s, much of its momentum came from Belgium. Today the country remains an enthusiastic supporter of Hermes, the European space shuttle project, Columbus, the European space-laboratory project, and the Ariane 5 rocket programme.

While the ardour of many space agency partners has waned – one British government scientist terms the Hermes programme pure fantasy – the Belgian commitment has been unwavering. Brussels will spend about £70 million on the three projects this year. Britain, with about six times the population, will spend only £157 million, and the government thinks the Hermes shuttle so barmy that it has withdrawn from the project.

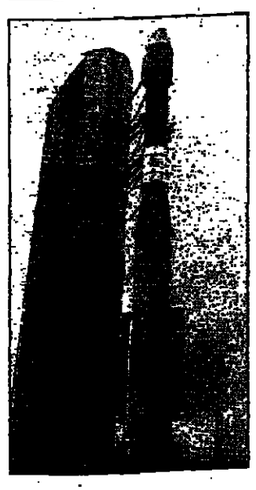
Undeterred, Belgium is setting up astronaut training facilities at Zaventem airport (again something of an international joke) and has kitted out a Falcon 900 jet for simulated shuttle landings on flights between Charleroi and Brussels. Five Belgians have been put forward to the space agency for astronaut selection and are being interviewed in Paris. The hope is that one of them might pilot a Hermes craft before the end of the century.

But, as with all things Belgian, there are two distinct views on space, with some politicians becoming more than a little weary of the subject. A common argument to defend spending on space is that there are spin-off benefits for domestic industry.

However, Paul Zeeuwts, chief of cabinet for the Flemish government's science minister, Erik Derycke, says this has not happened in Belgium. Space has become a matter of regional pride in Belgium, with Wallonia, the country's poorer southern half, championing the industry. Anyone driving down the Brussels-Luxembourg motorway will notice the "Euro Space Center Belgium" in the middle of the Ardennes. Motorists reaching the crest of a hill are confronted with the worrying spectacle of a model shuttle plunging into the motorway embankment.

The Wallonian government has spent more than £6 million developing the centre, which opened last month, and continues to push the space industry in an area that used to be the country's industrial powerhouse but which, over the past 20 years, has become an economic black hole. "I think the glamour of space has been grossly misused by the industrial lobbying group down there," says Mr Zeeuwts.

● **Cape Canaveral**: A small rocket carrying experimental technology was destroyed when it veered sharply off course seconds after lift-off here.



High hopes: an Ariane rocket ready for launch

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Growing market

ONLY wood from sustainable forests is used for the hand-carved items from Africa, Asia and Latin America available from the new Traidcraft catalogue. A "wood levy" on each item pays for seedlings and their care, Traidcraft explains. The catalogue also contains leather goods, stationery, woven bags and belts, jewellery, food and other items. Traidcraft claims to have provided more than £10 million in foreign earnings for the world's poor during the past ten years. The catalogue costs 75p from Traidcraft, Kingsway, Gateshead, Tyne & Wear NE11 0NE (091-491 0591).

Leather look

THE Marks & Spencer autumn/winter collection is outstanding for its leather, with beautifully-styled flying jackets and swing coats in supple grains for £250. The black swing coat, in 100 per cent lamb leather, should quickly become a classic.

Green gauge

MAINSTREAM manufacturers are going green with envy over the success of "alternative" products. Reckitt & Colman cites a Mintel survey showing that 40 per cent of consumers are "dark green" – that is, they seek out environmentally friendly goods – as part of the inspiration behind its new Down to Earth range of cleaning products. These contain no phosphates, use naturally-based cleaning agents which have not been tested on animals and are biodegradable. The range is available this month from Tesco, Safeway and other shops.

On the move



Nicola Pagett

ALEXON, the fashion company, is holding an exhibition of portraits of "discerning women" at the Mall Galleries in London from September 4 to 10. The restaurateur Pru Leith, yachtswoman Tracy Edwards, actresses Nicola Pagett and Jane Asher and newsreader Julia Somerville are among the celebrity sitters. The portraits will then tour the country, appearing in Alexon outlets from Plymouth to Manchester.

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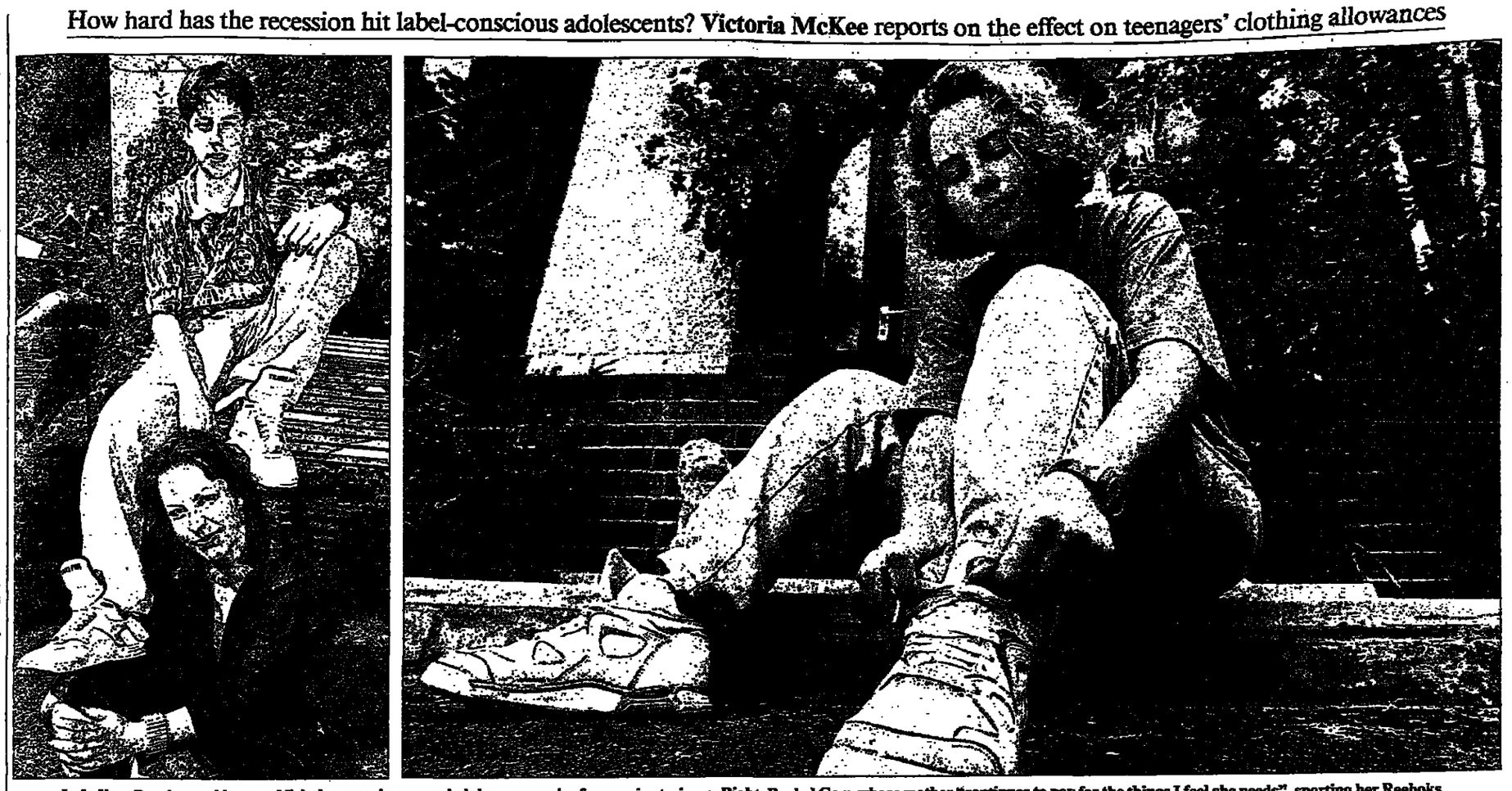
LLOYD LOOM furniture seems to epitomise the 1920s, when it was first manufactured. Made of woven fibre – paper reinforced with steel wire – it had all the aesthetics of wicker but more strength and durability. As well as chairs there are sofas, tables, linen baskets, plant stands and even prams. *Lloyd Loom: Woven fibre furniture*, by Lee J. Curtis, will be published on September 5 by Salamander Books (£20). On the same evening the author will lecture at the Design Museum, London (071-403 6933).

Adopt a cat

THE new Adopt-a-Cat Directory is out this week – a list of rescue shelters seeking homes for unwanted and stray felines. Adopt-a-Cat, sponsored by Hi Life cat food, has helped provide homes for more than 30,000 animals since it was founded in 1987. Anyone adopting a cat can join the Adopt-a-Cat club, which provides free advice on cat keeping. For more information, send an SAE to Adopt-a-Cat, PO Box 1112, Shoreham-by-Sea, West Sussex BN43 6SD.

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How hard has the recession hit label-conscious adolescents? **Victoria McKee** reports on the effect on teenagers' clothing allowances



Left, Kate Rossiter and her son Nicholas, wearing a rare indulgence, a pair of expensive trainers. Right, Rachel Gow, whose mother "continues to pay for the things I feel she needs", sporting her Reeboks

When the shoe is on the other foot

Rachel Gow's parents run an engineering business linked to the motor industry and, they admit, it is "struggling" in the recession. Yet the 17-year-old sixth former from Coventry has noticed no let-up in her supply of expensive training shoes and clothes.

"She has to have Reebok," Mrs Avril Gow says indulgently. "Every time she needs new trainers it costs me between £30 and £40, £30 for each pair of jeans and when she went out for work experience in a solicitor's office recently I spent £100 to get her some nice skirts and suede shoes. I will continue to pay for the things I feel she needs."

This family's story confirms a survey cited in the National Consumer Council's (NCC) annual report, published this month, which found that "fashion seems more important than price for many families". The NCC's survey of shopping habits, carried out in London and Sheffield last year, also found that "poor parents were under enormous pressure to buy expensive goods like brand-name trainers for their children".

Apparently many teenagers buy half a dozen pairs of trainers a year (some, such as Fila and Patrick Ewing, costing as much as £85) and possess three or four pairs of Levi 501 or Quita jeans at between £30 and £40 a pair, or up to £55 if dyed unusual colours.

Nick Balch, aged 19, who lives near Worcester and attends Thames Polytechnic, says: "I don't wear trainers – I prefer Doc Martens, which cost about £35 – but I have about three pairs of 501s: one standard, one bleached and one a special blacky blue which cost more than £50 because the shop dyed it specially. Some students have red and green ones, too.

"After rent and food, clothes are the most important thing to buy – more than books, which can be obtained from the library. I reckon I spend about £100 a term, but that's a lot less than the £50 a month clothing allowance I had when I was a pupil at King's School in Worcester. There I wore mostly suits and ties and shirts, which I liked, but no one does at the poly so I needed to completely change my wardrobe."

Sheila Hiscock, a shop manager in the West Midlands, has a daughter, Samantha, who is 17, a son Stuart, who is 16, and two younger children, aged 11 and 8. She believes in making her children earn their clothing money from an early age.

"I don't buy any clothes except school clothes and underwear for Samantha or Stuart, who earn their money from babysitting or working at other odd jobs. Samantha earns more money, but spends less on clothes. She's careful about what she buys, and goes for what looks good on her rather than buying something because of the label. Stuart is very label conscious, and spends most of his money on clothes. He has to have £70 trainers and sweatshirts with the right name on them.

"Samantha will come shopping with me to persuade me to buy clothes that she likes, but it doesn't work the other way around, I'm afraid."

The actress Maureen Lipman has discovered a similar paradox in her dealings with her 17-year-old daughter, Amy. "I never understand why it is that I am unable to buy her anything she likes – and yet she wants to wear everything of mine," she marvels. "I don't give her a set clothes allowance – she buys what she thinks she needs, within reason."

'You have to take your children into your confidence, explain the facts of pounds and pence to them'

But Amy does not demand designer trainers or jeans. "Whereas other girls in her class wear Lycra micro skirts, Amy dresses in things Jane Austen might have worn," her mother observes.

Sue Timney, half of the talented Timney Fowler team which recently won the textile industry's gold medal for design and design management, gives her 16-year-old daughter Alex a £30 a month clothing allowance, "supplemented" for special occasions.

"She also works on Saturdays in a jewellery shop and babysits to earn extra money for clothes," her mother says. "But she's much better with money than I am – she's quite canny about clothes, and manages to save up for holidays, too. The one thing she spends a lot on is shoes – she has a bit of a shoe fetish. She used to wear mainly Doc Martens but now she's experimenting with those big square-toed, stubby heeled things to wear to work."

Twelve-year-old Charlotte Broom, of Weymouth, is a fashion-conscious pre-teen. Her mother Sonia, a civil servant, could not keep up with her daughter's clothing demands, particularly when her husband was made redundant a while ago. Although he has found new employment, Mrs Broom is sticking to the decision she made then to limit Charlotte to her Child Benefit money of £7.50 a week as a clothing allowance. Charlotte is dubious about whether this is a good deal.

"She's discovered how little you can buy for £30 a month," her mother says, "and after a few sessions in Dorothy Perkins and Principles she was asking me to go back to the old system. I don't know how much I used to spend on her – maybe £40 or £50 a month. But it's made her learn the value of money so I think we'll stick with this for a while."

Erica d'Eath, director of the Step Families Association, says that giving children Child Benefit as a clothing allowance is a common ploy that can take some of the friction out of this aspect of the step-parent/child relationship. "The child can feel that this money is theirs by right, rather than by the grace and favour of a step-parent," she says, "and the big American study of step-families showed that who would buy the clothes or where the money was coming from was a major problem."

David McNeill, of the NCC, says: "We find the high-pressure marketing of clothes to young people a disturbing trend and have been looking at what can be done about it. One of the ideas we have come up with is the introduction of more consumer education in schools to prevent young people being taken advantage of by a variety of marketing techniques. Maybe we should help them to be more cynical."

The NCC had expected to find that the girls were more demanding than boys, but the opposite was true. "Big name labels were more important to boys," said Mr McNeill. "We are keeping a weather eye on the situation."

Katy Rossiter, a counsellor with the Step Families Association, has three sons, aged 15, 13 and 10, and a step-son aged 12. Her husband, who designs sailing boats, has been badly hit by the recession.

"We're just about keeping our heads above water," she admits, "so we certainly can't afford to buy £80 trainers for each of the boys and we tell them so. I think that's important: you have to take your children into your confidence, explain the facts of pounds and pence to them. Only Nicholas, the eldest, is really very fashion conscious – and I did buy him a pair of Travel Fox, Italian trainers which cost £80 – but that was only because I had no money but some leeway on my Russell & Bromley account.

"I was brought up without much money and really struggled when I was left to raise two children alone and I think it's parents' fault if children don't understand that they have to make do and make things last. I always say to my sons that 'if somebody is not going to like you because of what you're wearing then it's *their* problem, not yours'."

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Pure blots on the landscape?

Wind power, long advertised as clean and environmentally sound, has become the target of conservationists

JULIAN HERBERT



A wind turbine at Carmarthen Bay, Wales: conservationists say some of the most beautiful countryside in Wales and England is threatened by wind farms

There are no more cows on Peter Edward's 330 acres. He has sold the herd of 150 Friesians from his farm in Delabole, north Cornwall, and last week the digger moved in to start putting up Britain's first wind farm.

The cows would not have minded grazing under the turbines but Mr Edwards, in partnership with National Power and SWEB, had his part of £3.4 million to raise.

By November the first windmill, a Danish Vesta with three blades, will stand 120ft high in the hedge bank. By January there will be nine more. By the end of the year they will have harvested 11 million kilowatt hours of electricity from the wind.

From their farmhouse near the sea, Mr Edwards and his wife Philippa will be able to watch the grey towers with their turning blades creating clean power and feel they are doing their bit to preserve the world from pollution.

Not everyone agrees: there is such a thing as visual pollution and some think wind farms could be it.

In this case the neighbours had meetings, local councillors went to wind farms in Denmark to check they did not make too much noise, and everyone seems happy. "Diversification without disruption" is how Mr Edwards's son Martin, a farmer, describes it. Soon every inflation-pegged kilowatt hour cabled into the local grid will earn about ninepence, which should clear Mr Edwards's share of the debt by 1998. Could anything be better?

Yes, say conservationists. Accustomed to chiding the uncaring for knocking holes in the ozone layer and making acid rain, they find themselves in a dilemma. The next few years could see vast areas of the most beautiful countryside of Wales and England with lines of wind turbines marching over them.

"This is going to change the landscape tremendously," says Neil Caldwell, the director of the Campaign for the Protection of Rural Wales.

If planning permission for the sites already applied for goes through, "it will be difficult to stand on a hilltop in mid Wales without seeing a windmill", says Barry Long, the Countryside Council for Wales's senior officer in Powys and Dyfed.

And it is not only the turbines: there will also be access roads, and cables for taking the power to a grid-connecting building.

The government started the rush for wind farms by bringing in a premium price for non-fossil fuel power last year and making the newly nationalised electricity companies buy at least 10 per cent of their energy from the more expensive non-fossil sources. Wind farm developers saw that a guaranteed high price would make it feasible for them to put up turbines and get the capital cost back.

The NFFO (Non-Fossil Fuel Obligation) does not apply to Scotland, so there is no rush there. But in England and Wales no time is being wasted because the guarantee lasts only until 1998. In addition the electricity companies award contracts for the coming year in October.

With limited time to get their money back, wind farm companies need to maximise efficiency by picking sites with high windspeed. That means hilltops and the coast mainly in the southwest, Wales and the north of England.

There have been at least a dozen significant planning applications, and more are expected. With no central registry nobody has accurate figures.

Ecogen wants three wind farms near Newtown, mid Wales, which would be so close together that visually they would look like one stretch of 102 Japanese turbines. "It would supply a population of 50,000 on a windy day – but not every day is windy," Mr Long says.

About a dozen planning applications are out in Devon and Cornwall. Others are in north Yorkshire, west Yorkshire, Anglesey and Snowdonia. Dr Barry John, of Newport, Dyfed, a partner in Energy Parks (UK) Ltd, says his company is interested in six west Wales sites, some bordering national parkland.

Approval has already been given for 14 Vestas near Whitland, Carmarthen, but the one raising most interest is the enquiry into the application by the Wind Energy Group (Taylor Woodrow and British Aerospace) for 24 turbines in Cemaes, west Wales.

The Welsh Office called in the planning application for Cemaes to deal with it centrally because whatever is decided there could be taken as precedent. Some people think the Welsh Office is waiting to see what the government guidelines – expected in September or October – will be.

The developers want an extension of the premium price beyond 1998 to give more time to recover capital costs. Then smaller, lowland wind farms could be viable.

Ian Mitchell, the windmill man at the Countryside Commission in Cheltenham, hopes the government guidelines will say there should not be turbines where they are visible from national parks, where they dominate the skyline, in areas used by tourists, or where the cumulative effect would be so dominating it would amount to industrialisation of uplands. It takes an optimist to expect that lot.

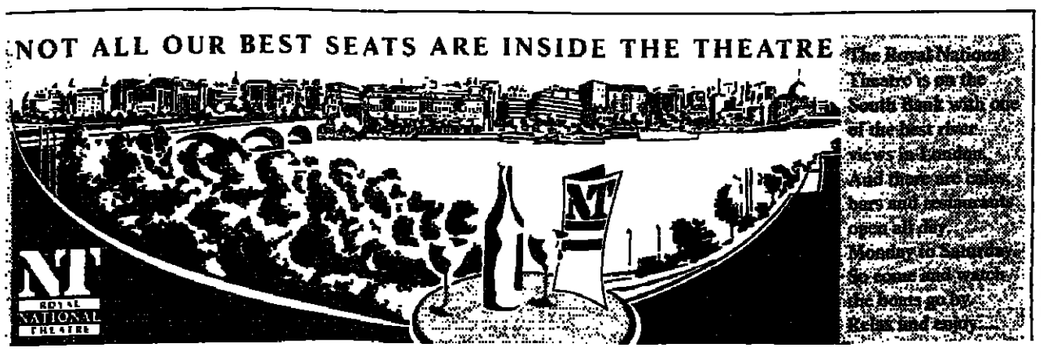
In the past 10 years technical development has made the turbines quieter. The main sound is the swish of the wind in the blades. "You can scarcely hear it 100 metres away," says Andrew Garrad, the chairman of the British Wind Energy Association.

In a letter to *The Times* last week, Dr Garrad said we cannot afford not to have them. Mr Mitchell says: "To produce 10 per cent of the country's electricity would take up to 40,000 windmills on an area up to the size of Lancashire. Windpower produces rather little energy for its great impact on the landscape."

Perhaps it depends how you look at them, and in whose back yard they stand. "See them," says Dr Garrad, "as a symbol of society getting rid of environment pollution." Or shut your eyes and breathe the fresh air.

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CLASSICAL MUSIC

Working with Wolfgang

The Mozart bicentenary has produced a new flush of scholars willing to tidy up any loose ends he left. Paul Griffiths looks at the dangers of collaborating with a dead genius

Essential to the myth of Saint Wolfgang was the doctrine of immaculate conception, the idea that all his music emerged from his head fully formed and effortlessly, like breath on a mirror. There was the evidence of the sheer volume of his output: eight or nine operas, a dozen or so symphonies, 20 piano concertos and so much else, all in an adult life of barely more than 15 years. And there were stories to support the notion: stories of whole works being composed at a sitting, as if by divine dictation; stories of manuscripts that betrayed no sign of faltering.

Now we know differently. Mozart's celebrated facility was the facility of an age, and by the standards of Cimarosa, who could turn out six operas in a year, he was a positive slouch. If, nevertheless, Mozart had absolutely no peers in terms of quality, his achievement of that quality was by no means always plain sailing, as recent musicology has been at pains to point out. There are indeed wrong starts and false turns in some of the manuscripts; there are also works which, like the last piano concerto, probably took years rather than hours to be completed. Above all, there are numerous works which never did get finished, for various reasons.

By a nice irony it was the almost immediate semi-canonisation of Mozart that was responsible for the cherishing of everything he wrote, however fragmentary, so that out of the spirit of veneration came the material for modern investigations of his working methods, and for modern attempts to render the unfinished works performable. Sometimes what survives is fragmentary indeed: just a few bars, with no indication of what kind of work was intended.

Such Mozartian threads can only be woven into a finished garment with very considerable assistance from another composer: John Woolrich's piece, *The Theatre Represents a Garden: Night*, which opens the South Bank's "Mozart Now" festival on Saturday, was commissioned to do just that. But there are many cases, particularly in the areas of church, chamber and operatic music, where Mozart stopped when he was some way into a work or movement, perhaps because better ideas supervened, perhaps because the occasion passed, or because he simply lost interest. There is also, of course, the one great work unfinished because of the more banal circumstance of death: the Requiem.

> *'If Mozart had absolutely no peers in terms of quality, his achievement was by no means always plain sailing'*

The Requiem, being Mozart's last major work, could hardly have been left, as the three incomplete operas from a much earlier period were left, unperformed and unperformable. More practically, Mozart's widow needed a finished score in order to fulfil the terms of the commission and to have something that could be profitably published. The man she eventually found to do the work, Franz Xaver Süssmayr, is a central but shadowy figure in Mozart's last months. Mozart valued him enough to have him set the recitatives for *La clemenza di Tito*, but he also wrote disparagingly of him to Constanze, and his contribution to the Requiem has remained a matter of dispute.

Mozart's sister-in-law Sophie Haibel – in a letter written more than 30 years after the event – is responsible for the legend that the composer on his deathbed gave Süssmayr instructions about completing the Requiem. Süssmayr himself did not ever make any such claim, but perhaps the 19th century needed some assurance that the work was, in outline at least, wholly Mozart's. However that may be, it is only comparatively recently that attempts have been made to unpick what is genuine Mozart in the score and to offer alternative completions: completions which may or may not be better than Süssmayr's, but which, simply by being alternatives, will not disguise the doubt that has to hang about any unfinished work.

Richard Maunder, in his version, discounts the idea that Süssmayr had access to any sketches or inside information from Mozart, and therefore rejects Süssmayr's solutions wholesale. Duncan Druce, whose completion was performed recently at the Proms, is not so sure, though his evaluation of the Mozart-Süssmayr sections is hedged about with qualifiers:

"There is a little bit of evidence that maybe the basic material is possibly Mozartian. Very often one's disappointment is far more with the working out of ideas than with the ideas themselves." So how does one go about doing a better job?

"In terms of orchestration, *La clemenza di Tito* and *Zauberflöte* offer some help at certain points," Druce points out. "But the Requiem is such a new piece that you feel more on your own than, say, in the case of the chamber fragments, where there are often models from other works." This is something of which Druce has direct experience, having completed the B flat Clarinet Quintet that Mozart appears to have abandoned before finding his way with the Clarinet Quintet in A.

Other people's efforts, in what amounts to a bicentenary bonanza of Mozart completions, are now finding their way onto the stage (modesty prevents my discussing *The Jewel Box*, my own confection of loose arias into a "new" Mozart opera), into print and even into the Philips collected edition on CD, which includes a good bit more music than Mozart ever got around to finishing, such as Philip Wilby's rendering of a spacious Sinfonia Concertante for string trio and orchestra, and Erik Smith's versions of some striking quartet fragments and a couple of marvellous arias that, maybe, were the beginnings of an aborted German comic opera.

Robert Levin, whose retrieval of a Sinfonia Concertante for wind quartet is also recorded by Philips and will be played at the Proms in a fortnight's time, faced a different task, taking a questionable source, possibly French of the 1820s, and trying to see through it to the lost Mozart original. The only way of going further would be to reconstruct pieces which have vanished altogether without trace.

The contemporary fascination with the unfinished or lost Mozart is perhaps motivated by a wish to peer behind the polished surface, to look at the workings within the work. But it may reflect, too, a modern aesthetic of the incomplete that enables us to see Mozart as at one with Pierre Boulez and his endless, endlessly mutable compositions. The Romantics found themselves reflected in *Don Giovanni*, or else looked back, with Schumann, to Mozart as a lost world of "clarity, repose, grace". We, perhaps, find our uncertainties echoed among the unused blueprints and projects left half-built.

● Mozart Now, *from Saturday to September 8 at the South Bank Arts Centre, London SE1 (071-928 8800)*



DANCE

Shall we dance in freedom, or go home and sit this one out?

John Percival on whether this week's dramatic changes in the Soviet Union will adversely affect the prospects of the performers who are its greatest exports

In cultural terms the Gorbachev era was chiefly notable for a huge expansion in overseas touring, both by individual Soviet artists and by ensembles. And it was dance that saw the greatest increase in East-West traffic. From being rare events to be anticipated eagerly, visits to the West by the Bolshoi and Kirov – and a whole clutch of less famous companies – became almost everyday events. As for the Russian ballet stars, they suddenly found that access to highly-paid positions with Western companies was easy: no need to defect, no requirement for them to burn their bridges with the homeland.

The dramatic flights to freedom of Rudolf Nureyev, Natalia Makarova and Mikhail Baryshnikov in the 1960s and 1970s seemed like the events of a bygone age. The whole climate in which the West viewed Russian ballet changed in the era of *glasnost*. And perhaps, too, some of the mystique that surrounded the great Soviet cultural exports disappeared along the way.

Will that climate of free exchange continue in a post-Gorbachev era that could see a return of restrictions on artists' travel? Some artistic changes in the Soviet Union can probably never be undone, even by a newly repressive regime. This is partly because so many Russian star dancers (and teachers, too) have joined Western companies.

During the Gorbachev years, a performer such as Irek Mukhamedov, tired of limited artistic horizons and the hardship of daily life in Moscow, was allowed to submit his resignation to the Bolshoi and join the Royal Ballet as a permanent member, choosing to devote the rest of his career to the West.

Leading Soviet ballerinas such as Yelena Pankova and Altynai Asylmuratova from Leningrad's Kirov Ballet and Nina Ananiashvili from the Bolshoi in Moscow have become regular guests with British ballet companies in recent years. Whether they will continue to enjoy that freedom to come and go is one of the questions still to be answered.

Successive Soviet governments have always been happy to extract benefits from the fame of their ballet: few official visitors to Moscow go home without seeing *Swan Lake* at the Bolshoi Theatre. But in recent years, through the enterprise of such Western promoters as the Entertainment Corporation and the easing of Soviet artistic bureaucracy, a flood of foreign tours by the Bolshoi and Kirov companies has brought home crucial hard currency.

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STEPHEN MARKESON



Yelena Pankova (top) and Irek Mukhamedov have brought unique qualities to British dance companies

Until recently, too, it was only the most famous Soviet dance companies that came to Britain. But latterly, the companies touring here have included some which were independently founded, without the benefit of state support. Such companies are not an entirely new phenomenon.

The oldest of them began before the Gorbachev reforms, although far more of them have sprung up recently, helped by the greater financial freedom his reforms engendered, and by the new entrepreneurial spirit that enabled those running independent Soviet companies to make deals directly with Western promoters.

The best of these troupes reflect artistic rather than commercial motivation: choreographers who want to try new ideas, dancers who want to perform more often and in more interesting productions, directors who want to restore qualities which are in danger of vanishing (such as the old Bolshoi style, which had more dramatic detail and a stronger tradition of character dancing).

As it happens, potential audiences all over Britain are now waiting for visits by no fewer than four of these independent troupes, all from Moscow, and only one of them seen here before. The tour promoters are optimistic that they will go ahead as planned, but proof of their faith must wait until Monday when the curtain of the Birmingham Hippodrome is scheduled to rise on the Moscow City Ballet.

Viktor Smirnov-Golovanov, the director of Moscow City Ballet, was a dancer at the Bolshoi nearly 40 years ago. He claims to be trying to restore the old dramatic style of dancing with his new company. Another ensemble with real artistic aspirations, the Moscow Ballet La Classique, is due here in September. It was started only a year ago by Alexander Prokofiev, formerly in charge of the senior male class at the Moscow Ballet Institute. Prokofiev, too, opposes recent artistic and political developments at the Bolshoi and hopes to present a purer style.

The two other expected troupes, both booked for gruelling non-stop tours, bring more conventional concert programmes, mainly of extracts from the classics. They are the Moscow Festival Ballet, seen in Britain last winter, and the Russian State Ballet, directed by the former Bolshoi star Vyacheslav Gordeyev.

So far, programmes of Russian ballet have been able to fill British theatres at higher than usual prices. Whether that will continue, now that so many Soviet dancers can be seen dancing with British companies, remains to be seen. Apart from the Royal Ballet with its famous Soviet names, English National Ballet (with Yelena Pankova), the Scottish Ballet and even a small company such as London City Ballet, now regularly have leading dancers from Moscow and Leningrad as members or guests.

Meanwhile, whatever regime ultimately prevails within the Soviet Union, it is clear that two past trends in Soviet dance will continue. Even under the Gorbachev regime, old-style artistic rigidity continued to be the rule in some areas. At the top of the Russian ballet hierarchy, for instance, is the Bolshoi – where this year's "new" productions will consist only of reviving and reworking three old ballets: *La Bayadère*, *Le Corsaire* and *Don Quixote*. That limitation can never be entirely avoided: audiences both at home and abroad expect tradition when they see the Bolshoi.

On the other hand, there have always been a few outstanding dancers such as Vladimir Vasiliev and Maya Plisetskaya who were willing to use the immunity brought by their fame to try to break away from set moulds, and there have also been a few choreographers who found ways of manipulating the system for similar motives.

Such rebels are not going to vanish suddenly because of a political coup. By whatever means the circumstances of the day may impose, Russian ballet will continue changing. Greater freedom was making that easier. If it ends, that might only make artistic reformers all the more determined to go on struggling.

BRIEFING

Musical casualties

AT LEAST two high-powered cultural events look likely to become casualties of the fall of Mikhail Gorbachev. Only last week the European Community Commission announced a "Gala d'Europe" which would be held in the Great Hall of the Kremlin in Moscow on New Year's Eve this year, as a "resonant tribute" from Europe to "music lovers in the Soviet Union".

The EC Commission proudly declared that the 5,000-strong audience (listening to Placido Domingo, Peter Ustinov and other artistic luminaries) would include "such guests as President and Mrs Gorbachev, Boris Yeltsin, and the mayors of Moscow and St Petersburg". At the very least, some revision of the guest list is now expected.

Also in jeopardy is the conductor Claudio Abbado's ambitious project to take a gigantic amalgam of Europe's two pre-eminent youth orchestras – the European Community Youth Orchestra, and the Gustav Mahler Youth Orchestra – on tour to the Soviet Union. The visit, scheduled for December, would have involved concerts in Moscow and Leningrad.



Domingo: not in Moscow?

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THE American photographer Lee Friedlander has long specialised in the surreal side of the real. Essentially a documentary photographer, even a photo-journalist, Friedlander consciously or unconsciously pinpoints the more bizarre aspect of the American way of life, the weird juxtapositions of animal and man on the streets of New York, or in and out of cages at the zoo. His work is funny, edgy and disturbing. The retrospective is at the Victoria and Albert Museum (071-938 8500) until Sunday.

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As model travellers, why don't we learn other languages?

When it comes to holidays, the British, by comparison with the people of southern Europe, have become model Europeans. Of course, we are notoriously insular in the way we colonise our holiday destinations. Parts of the Costa Brava have long resembled Blackpool, while the more middle class redoubt of Marbella has the feel of an expatriate community about it. Nevertheless, who can seriously doubt that our experience of European holidays has slowly changed British attitudes towards the Continent?

In another sense, however, the British are remarkably un-European. Europe is a continent of many languages, and many of its people speak more than one, and often several. The British remain the exception. We are the great monoglots of Europe. Once, we felt it did not matter. We were geographically close to Europe, but we felt no special ties to it. Our links with the Empire and with America were far more important, and of course those countries mostly spoke English. Learning a foreign language, generally French, was considered an esoteric exercise, more concerned with the acquisition of some culture than about learning to communicate with the people of another nation.

At my grammar school in the late 1950s and early 1960s, the priority was Latin, and French was taught in the most formal manner. The aim was not to teach us to converse in a foreign language with real people.

Now the British feel, a little grudgingly perhaps, part of Europe. The old reasons why we failed to learn another European language have lost their force, but a new one has reinforced our old prejudices and inhibitions.

Most people in the European Community can speak a little English. The younger generation of every member state has acquired a new facility with the language. The people of the smaller countries of northern Europe speak remarkably good English. Nearly half of what was West Germany speaks English. And in France, which was once as chauvinistic as Britain in its insistence on using its native language, the educated young are akin to their German contemporaries in their willingness to speak English.

So if everyone else speaks English, the argument goes, why should we learn to speak other European languages?

Yet I suspect the British feel rather more uncomfortable with their linguistic incapacity than they used to. The old British response of speaking more loudly the less one is understood is no longer indulged with the same confidence. More Europeans speak English, but as Europe becomes increasingly cosmopolitan we are likely, as monoglots, to feel more like outsiders. Businessmen will feel uneasy about expecting everyone else to speak their language. People will become aware of their inability to communicate. Being European is increasingly about interacting, sharing, communicating. We cannot do this properly while we remain monoglots.

There is little sign of change on the horizon, however. The government has short-sightedly decided to drop the requirement that a foreign language be part of the core curriculum. In a recent white paper, it proposed that adult education in foreign languages should no longer be subsidised.

This is feeble stuff. We need a new attitude. The aim should be to rear a generation the majority of whom can speak at least one European language. It will not be easy, and it will not be cheap, but it is an essential part of taking our Europeanisation seriously.

Crime sometimes pays

However reactionary the new Soviet junta, it may suit many millions, writes Anatole Kaletsky

People get the governments they deserve. In the next few days this cynical axiom will be tested in the Soviet Union as never before. The West liked Mikhail Gorbachev, but it did remarkably little to help him. The Soviet people came to despise him, soon taking for granted the freedoms he gave their country. The Soviet Union's ethnic minorities turned on him as a hated oppressor within months of being offered rights to national self-expression of which their fathers could not have dreamt.

When Gorbachev came to the London summit last month, in what was perhaps his last desperate effort to buy himself more time, the near-universal view among Western governments was that economic support for the Soviet Union would be futile or worse. Some Western leaders saw a historical inevitability about the fragmentation of the Soviet empire. Others argued that outside assistance would only slow down the pace of economic reform.

Many of Gorbachev's newfound admirers maintained until two days ago that he was simply an old communist wolf in liberal sheep's clothing. When he hesitated to reform the economy, presumably from fear of provoking exactly the kind of reaction unleashed this week, and when he refused to grant the republics full independence, the freedoms he gave the Soviet people were denounced as a sham.

Monday's events put this scepticism into perspective. It is now hard to claim that Gorbachev was simply a tool of the party apparatus, or to argue that the Union Treaty he negotiated with Boris Yeltsin and other republican leaders was a meaningless scrap of of paper. After all, the threat of a signing this week was enough to trigger the coup. But if the junta prevails, which thankfully remains uncertain, a deeper historical question will soon be answered. Was the Gorbachev revolution in some way inevitable, or was it the work of one man?

At a time when history is being made hour by hour in the squares of Moscow, this question may seem absurdly abstract. Yet it will inspire the battles ahead. Opponents of the junta — from the crowds in Moscow to President Bush and John Major — are reassuring themselves that history is on the side of freedom. But the junta may be equally confident that history can be bent its way.

There have been three strands in the Gorbachev revolution: the political opening-up known as glasnost, the economic restructuring called perestroika and the flowering of long-suppressed



Queuing up: many Soviets prefer to be fed than free

nationalist feelings, which never acquired an official sobriquet simply because it was not supposed to happen. According to most Western commentators and Soviet liberals, these three strands of revolution are inextricably linked. Each one implies the other two. If this is so, the implications are momentous and reassuring.

Large elements of the Soviet Communist party and military probably now believe that market forces will have to be released in the economy, at least to some degree, because the alternative is industrial stagnation, military insignificance and perpetual poverty. But if economic liberalisation must go hand in hand with political and national freedoms, then the junta will fail. Either they will try to suppress the market and land the country in an even deeper economic mess, or they will continue with economic reforms and find these loosen their hold on political power. In either case, the junta's days must be numbered, even if it prevails in the present struggle for power.

Unfortunately, the junta may see things very differently — not because they are diehard communists who still believe that Stalinist central planning can triumph over capitalism, but because they have a less romantic view of markets and of nationalist aspirations than the Soviet radicals and the West.

First, the leaders of the coup believe that the breakup of the Soviet Union would be an unmitigated disaster. The military men among them may also think it is a process they could easily reverse. There are elements in the army who think they could deal with the blight of nationalist separatism in a few months or a year. Given a free hand, they may well be proved right.

At the same time, the economists among the new leaders undoubtedly think that there can be economic progress only if the union is held together. It may not be chance that top officials, such as the heads of the central bank and the oil industry, said this explicitly as recently as last week. Given the choice of losing Western support and bringing the republics to heel, most of these officials would probably say that national integration matters more, even from a strictly economic viewpoint.

In the past 12 months, the Soviet hardliners have also looked carefully at other countries which have recently established capitalist systems, and have concluded that the link between markets and democracy is a figment of Western propaganda. Right-wing newspapers and magazines have devoted whole issues to the Chilean or Pinochet model and the Korean model. Analysis of Japanese economic development has emphasised not the post-war imposition of liberal democracy by the Americans, but the disciplined proto-fascism of the Meiji era. Another historical parallel, which has attracted less publicity but which probably appeals even more to the party hardliners, is with the economic boom in China unleashed by Deng Xiaoping and still ruthlessly controlled by the party.

None of these experiences disproves the claim that markets and democracy go hand in hand. In the end, private property does siphon power away from the centre and makes political pluralism inevitable. But this process can take decades or even generations. The junta would be only too happy to preserve its power and privileges for that long.

The dawning of a new ice age

Gorbachev's reforms and the end of the Cold War were not irreversible after all, writes Conor Cruise O'Brien

The last G7 summit probably sealed the fate of Mikhail Gorbachev. Until then, his enemies had held back because of his towering popularity in the West, which seemed to hold the promise of a rescue operation for the Soviet economy. Gorbachev begged the summit to give him just that. He begged in vain. He got a hearing, but that was all. He returned to the Soviet Union with the double unpopularity of a humiliated beggar. By begging, he had let down a once proud people, as those who ousted him emphasised in their communiqué issued on Monday.

If the begging had paid off, he would probably have been forgiven. As it was, he was seen as expendable. In a televised interview on Monday, Douglas Hurd claimed that if G7 had helped Gorbachev, the money would have ended up in the hands of the State Emergency Committee; but if help had been forthcoming, there might well not have *been* a State Emergency Committee.

For months, even before the fatal summit, it was — or ought to have been — plain that Gorbachev was in very serious danger. Eduard Shevarnadze had warned the world of this in his prophetic resignation speech just before Christmas last year. But the world paid little attention to his warning. Neither did it heed subsequent danger signals, such as the slow waning of glasnost, the discrediting of perestroika and certain ominous promotions and demotions in the government and party bureaucracies. Even such a portent as prime minister Pavlov's "bankers' plot" speech, blaming the economic troubles of the Soviet Union on a Western conspiracy, went largely unheeded. President Gorbachev has gone, but Pavlov is still prime minister.

Complacency has been the hallmark of official Western dealings with and references to the Soviet Union throughout 1991, up to August 19. Every foreign office seemed to assume that Gorbachev's reforms were "irreversible" — and that confident verdict was being heard even yesterday from some politicians and officials commenting on the catastrophe. In short, wishful thinking, long the occupational disease of Western foreign policy-makers, is still in the ascendant.

It is not likely either that Gorbachev himself will be back, or that his reforms will prove enduring (despite promises from his ousters). The coalition that removed him is formidable. It consists of the officer corps, the Communist party, the KGB, the interior police and the huge swarming manifold bureaucracies of the Soviet Union. This is a coalition of virtually all those with a lot to lose. The events of August 19 are not just a military coup, and the new rulers are not a fragile and evanescent coup regime. This is the rallying of an entire ruling class to reassert its privileges against a tsar who was attempting far-reaching reform.

The only tsar who succeeded in reforming the Russian ruling class — which was then the nobility and is now the Communist party — was Peter the Great. He succeeded through the use of terror, which was also the instrument of Lenin and Stalin. Gorbachev abjured terror and so was less respected, inside the



Soviet Union, than any of his predecessors as general secretary. It is not yet proved that the Russian empire can be held together without the use or threat of terror.

Most inhabitants of the Soviet Union are probably opposed to the new rulers, but those rulers have some important forces behind them. These include the fear inspired in millions of Soviet citizens by the tendencies towards disintegration of the Soviet Union which became apparent after Gorbachev's introduction of glasnost. Those who fear disintegration include not only Russians, but also sizeable minorities in the republics that wish to secede. So many Soviet citizens will have heard yesterday's momentous announcement with relief.

The numbers who support the coalition are no doubt much less numerous than those who dislike it, but the counting of heads is of little significance in a country which has never seen power change hands through the democratic process (no power really changed hands when Boris Yeltsin was elected president of Russia). In Soviet conditions, what may prove more important than any head count is the relative coherence of the coalition behind the post-Gorbachev government, compared with the forces against it. The coalition is one of interest, with the collective solidity that goes with that. The opposition is much less coherent: Lithuanians, Georgians and Moldavians, for example, have little in common except the desire to leave the Soviet Union.

Some commentators have been predicting a general breakdown of discipline in the Soviet armed forces, partly as a result of the ethnic factor. Despite reports of troops fraternising with demonstrators, I doubt there will be a general breakdown: the morale of the Red Army has indeed been low under Gorbachev, but his ousters may well restore morale. And a Soviet officer may well feel stronger loyalty to the Red Army than to his personal ethnic roots. (That is, for example, the position of the Latvian Lieutenant-Colonel Victor Alknis, who played a significant part in the undermining of Gorbachev.)

These things being so, I should expect those who ousted Gorbachev to be able to survive demonstrations, strikes and continuing economic trouble, and to consolidate their power. What will this mean for relations between the Soviet Union and the West? Probably nothing dramatic in the short run. While engaged in consolidation, the new rulers will want to mend fences with the West. They have already promised to withdraw their troops from Germany by the date agreed by Gorbachev, 1994. That promise, however, may not weigh very heavily with them as that date gets nearer. Their promises of "reform" are worthless.

The new regime is, of its nature, more dangerous than Gorbachev was. Soviet national pride — multi-ethnic nationalism — will be to the fore once more, as will Pavlov-style resentment and suspicion of foreigners. These feelings will be fanned, on appropriate occasions, by the Soviet media, rigorously controlled by the new regime. There will be no more glasnost.

The world will be reminded in due course that the Soviet Union is still a nuclear superpower, and there will be an edge of blackmail in Soviet negotiating positions. In particular, Germany is likely to be asked to pay — and probably will pay — a much higher price for the withdrawal of the rest of the Soviet troops. Those in Poland may not be withdrawn at all. Last year's celebrations of "the end of the Cold War" were premature. Disarmament has already stalled.

The world is now a more dangerous place than it was last weekend. And much of the blame for that must rest with the governments of the world's richest and most advanced countries, which turned a deaf ear to Gorbachev's appeals at the last G7 summit. It is right, at present, to suspend aid to the Soviet Union. But there has not been enough aid for its suspension to be decisive.

...and moreover

Alan Coren

Here I stand, in Upper Groumd, SE1, gazing up at what is quite possibly the greatest monument ever raised to the English imagination. Nor just a monument, but also, God be praised, a vibrant living workshop of continuous creativity, warp, woof and wonder of this island's culture.

Oh, we know where he is, you will immediately say, we have been to Upper Ground, he is standing outside the National Theatre, why doesn't he say so instead of banging on like *Look at Life No 674*, what has got into him, it isn't Shakespeare's birthday, is it? And if I tell you that it is not the National Theatre up at which I am gazing, then you may very well say (when you have finished admiring my syntax), oh, we know where he is, we have been to Upper Ground, he is standing outside London Weekend Television, he is pulling out all these panegyric stops in order to plug their franchise, he is trying to influence the ITC, he has got shares, he has an idea for a series, he is a friend of Melvyn.

Well, you are wrong again. Because there is a third centre for the arts rooted in the fertile sod of this quiet South Bank byway, less famous than the other two, perhaps, but no whit less creative. What I am gazing up at is New Kings Beam House, and while you are wondering what it is, let me further complicate your morning by telling you who it is that is gazing down at me from its fourth floor, even as I am gazing up. It is Dorothy Parker.

First things first. New Kings Beam House is the home of HM Customs & Excise Publications, and its fourth floor is where the crack teams of HM writers sit at their word-processors, decanting droplets from the pure well of English undefiled into the continuous stream of shimmering prose which regularly hits the mats of Her Majesty's VAT-payers, in the form of *VAT News*, *VAT Notes*, *VAT Leaflets*, *VAT Notices*, *VAT Information Sheets* and, for all I know, *VAT's Labours Lost*, *VAT and Sensibility* and *Five Go Off to VAT*.

I say for all I know, because I do not receive all of these. Nobody could. There are not enough postmen. There are probably not enough trees: if every VAT-payer received every VAT publication, Finland would soon resemble the Gobi. I doubt that my annual haul is more than a couple of firsworth: it is just the essential stuff I have to know in order to fill in my quarterly returns — the revised rating for (imported) non-ferrous abbatoir sluices, how to apply for rebate on time-expired vermicide, the exact circumstances in which fancy rats (non-exhibited) enjoy partial exemption on dental care, and so on — and for the rest, I have to present myself at my VAT office and flip through a handy subject-index hardly larger than the OED.

That I often do this is testament to the enormous regard in which I hold the hundreds of writers who toil on the fourth floor of New Kings Beam House. Forget the posturings of the modish literary world, these are the true heirs of Shakespeare, Milton and Dickens, for they share with them that limitless fecundity of imagination expressed in absolute clarity of language which characterises the finest writing. They are hot stuff.

Is that, then, why I am standing here? Have I come with bouquets, Booker Prize entry forms, a small guitar with which to serenade them beneath their fourth floor window? Tragically, no. I have come here on the off chance that I may be of some help. Something has happened to one of them, and though I dare not claim to be in their literary league, I recognise that thing for what it is. It is what happens when you write too much, for too long.

I spotted it the moment the latest *VAT Notes* arrived this morning. "On 21 February 1991, citrus trees producing edible fruit within the United Kingdom became zero-rated." *Citrus trees producing edible fruit within the United Kingdom?* Barnsley grapefruit? Hendon lemons?

So I am here because I remember another genius, toiling alongside another brilliant team, on another fourth floor, half a century ago, in the Writers' Block at Paramount Studios. I remember Dorothy Parker who, catching sight of a rubbernecking crocodile being conducted through the lots, sprang to the window, flung it open, and shrieked, "For pity's sake let us out, we're as sane as you are!"

DIARY

Foresight saga

A POIGNANT, close-quarters account of the Gorbachev years by Eduard Shevardnadze, one of the architects of perestroika, who in an emotional speech outside the Russian parliament yesterday issued a warning of a return to the Cold War, is to be rushed into print next month. Optimistically, it is entitled *The Future Belongs to Freedom*, and publishers Sinclair-Stevenson have brought forward publication from October to cash in on heightened interest.

But plans to bring the former foreign minister to the West to promote the book are now in jeopardy. Erwin Glikes, president of Freepress, Shevardnadze's American publisher, says: "I had a fax this morning from the German publishers, Rowohalt, saying that he might be able to come, but there was a little note attached saying that this was probably a voice from the past."

When he resigned as foreign minister last December, Shevardnadze issued a warning to the West and his old boss of impending dictatorship. In his book he writes of the "shadow government" that dogged his term in office, and spells out how this "dark force" hampered his operation. "Suddenly, I would find out that people were manipulating things behind my back, damaging our hard-won reputation as a reliable partner, and undermining our diplomatic successes," he writes. The killings of Lithuanian border guards last month immediately spring to mind.

With chilling foresight Shevardnadze predicts that dictatorships seize power when free thought becomes too much for the old-timers to bear. And there is little hope of the Soviet Union's intelligentsia leading a successful counter-coup against the new regime, Shevardnadze writes. At least yesterday he struck a more optimistic note: "Dictatorship will not prevail," he insisted as he addressed demonstrators who were chanting his name. Let us hope that he is right.

● *Camden council gave John McCarthy a bittersweet welcome home. To the Labour authority's acute embarrassment, it sent a poll-tax demand to his council flat while he was in captivity. Now, the council plans to make amends with a celebratory party or civic reception. So has McCarthy paid up yet? No one is saying.*

Uniform display

NO ONE can accuse Rear Admiral Geoffrey Biggs, the new commander of British forces in Gibraltar, of favouritism. When the former submarine officer dresses for work each day, he pulls on RAF boots and an army uniform, but wears Royal Navy insignia. The dress is meant to show his commitment to all branches of the Rock's military operation. Biggs feared that his appointment might lead to suspicion among the army and the RAF that he was harbinger of a takeover by the senior service.

The move has gone down well with the island's 1,100 servicemen. "All three services are reflected, even if it is only in his boots or on his belt," says Captain Leo Callow, of the British forces headquarters. But it is not only defence ministry personnel who come under Biggs's wing. The rear admiral also has the responsibility of looking after the Rock's Barbary apes. But no, his uniform does not include a tail to signify his commitment to these charges.

● *The prime minister has a hidden weakness for dreadful puns, it seems. He has sent his congratulations to a group of young Tories in Berwick, Northumberland, who have just established a new club to be known as Major Minors.*

Long interval

ROME was not built in a day and the pyramids hardly sprang up overnight. But the Imperial Theatre at Compiegne in France must qualify for some sort of record. Begun by Louis Napoleon but



abandoned when the Franco-Prussian war broke out, the building will next month stage its first performance — 124 years after the laying of its foundation stone in 1867. The 1,100-seat opera house will not be completed until 1994, but the first season opens on September 21 with an opera not written when building began, Saint-Saens' *Henry VIII*.

Cut-off point

JOURNALISTS at the London office of Tass did not take kindly to the Diary's suggestion yesterday that they were among the last to know of the overthrow of Gorbachev. "Many other journalists were also in bed at the time," says Dimitri Voskoboinikov, who was awoken by a telephone call from British Sky Broadcasting breaking the news. A fair point; most journalists on *The Times* were also sound asleep when the announcement was made by Tass in Moscow. It was, after all, 4.20am British time.

But the full story of how Voskoboinikov heard the news is even more ironic. The London office of Tass is normally manned 24 hours a day. During the summer, with three of its five journalists on holiday, this has not always been possible. So it proved on the night of the biggest news from the Soviet Union for many years.

Voskoboinikov shut down the bureau at 3.30am and went home earlier than usual, just 50 minutes before his head office in Moscow made the momentous announcement. "It seemed such a quiet night," he says ruefully. Not a word of the thousands he has since filed on Western reaction to the coup has yet appeared in the Soviet press.

● *Police in Chelsea have come up with a solution to the problem of handbag theft in local bistros, pubs and restaurants. Last week they launched the first anti-bag theft device, a spring-loaded clip fitted underneath tables. Now ladies who lunch can stow their bags out of sight of thieves. It seems to be working: there has been no sight of thieves on all fours — yet.*

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TIMES PAST — THE TIMES

YELTSIN DEFIANT

As the junta which overthrew President Gorbachev on Monday broods over its next move, Boris Yeltsin last night remained a free man, symbol of resistance to the revived Kremlin dictatorship. Fearing the wrath of the masses were it to lay a *finger* on him, the Emergency Committee must now regret not arresting him instantly, as General Jaruzelski arrested Lech Walesa in 1981. Like his counterparts in Lithuania and Latvia last winter, President Yeltsin has taken sanctuary in the seat of a freely-elected parliament and thus dared the junta to desecrate a temple of liberty. So far, his courage has prevailed. But as Mr Yeltsin told both George Bush and John Major, an assault on his redoubt could come at any time. Even if he loses this round of the struggle, however, the "Group of Eight" are doomed in the long run. Two have apparently already wavered.

Unlike Vilnius or Riga, Mr Yeltsin's freedom is being sustained only a mile from the Kremlin. The reported defection to Mr Yeltsin of *units belonging to the Tamanskaya* and Tula divisions suggests that the Emergency Committee cannot count on important parts of the Soviet army. The committee does not have Mr Gorbachev's resignation in its pocket. Last night the Ukrainian leadership joined other elected republican leaders in denouncing the junta.

As long as all this is the case, the coup cannot remotely claim to be complete. The committee cannot pretend to be the lawful or even de facto government of the Soviet Union. Hence the correctness of the pleas from within the Union and abroad for the reinstatement of Mr Gorbachev, whose detention under the Stalinist pretext of illness is illegal under Soviet law.

But what of Mr Yeltsin, now vested with virtually sole legitimacy as Russian leader but precious little power? After his emotional appeal for workers to strike and soldiers to disobey orders, he yesterday made more precise demands. These included the dissolution of the Emergency Committee, a return of troops to barracks and a restoration of formal legality, personified by Mr Gorbachev. The legal status quo ante must be reinstated.

Mr Yeltsin has asked to meet Mr Gorbachev, who is being held incommunicado, nobody is sure where. The Emergency Committee claims it will allow him to return to duty when he has "recovered". Mr Yeltsin has demanded an independent medical examination, but he also told John Major that a doctor had seen Mr Gorbachev as recently as Monday, and that he was in good health. By challenging the acting president, Gennadi Yanayev, to show Mr Gorbachev to the world, Mr Yeltsin perhaps wished to give the coup leaders a means of retreat.

This offer they show no sign of accepting, though such a climbdown is not inconceivable. Yesterday's contacts between Anatoly Lukyanov, chairman of the Supreme Soviet and a key ally of the Emergency Committee, and Aleksandr Rutskoi, Mr Yeltsin's deputy, suggest that compromise is possible.

Were that to happen, the future of Mr Gorbachev would be problematic. His restitution to titular dignity is one thing. It is hard to see how he could recover real power over events in the Soviet Union. The men who betrayed him were all his appointees, among them his closest associates. The crowds that took to the streets in Moscow and Leningrad yesterday were defending the freedoms and institutions which they now see threatened by a resurgent Stalinism. They were not chanting "Gorbachev!" Some even regard Mr Gorbachev as responsible for the existence of this threat.

Even if he were able to oust the junta by means of some messy Kremlin deal, it would be thanks not to his political ingenuity but to the courage of Mr Yeltsin. It was after all the ambition of the republic leaders for a Union treaty that brought about the coup. The coup was primarily intended to tilt the balance of power between the Russian and Soviet presidencies emphatically back to the latter. If the coup fails, the victor will be Mr Yeltsin and the principle of republican autonomy. The Union treaty and with it the erosion of Soviet imperial power must be a certainty.

Even assuming that Mr Yeltsin — who would be the new kingmaker — did restore Mr Gorbachev to the Soviet presidency, it would probably be as a figurehead to guarantee legal continuity while elections were organised. True, Mr Gorbachev could thereby perform a final important service to his people. But the future would then lie with the republics, led by Mr Yeltsin. He would undoubtedly ensure that whatever powers were conferred on the Soviet federal or confederal authorities by the republics did not include unbridled control over security.

The triumph of democratic forces in the Soviet Union which Mr Yeltsin's defeat of the hardliners would mean is thus unlikely to preserve the unitary Soviet state. The process of fragmentation which began under Mr Gorbachev must be accelerated by the upheaval, just as the emergence of a market economy, at least in some republics, could occur more quickly now that opponents of such reform have been flushed out.

That would leave the Russian Federation, where most of the Soviet arsenal is sited, as a new, democratic superpower. A much closer relationship of Western leaders with Mr Yeltsin, perhaps inaugurated by the telephone conversations of the last 48 hours, could be one beneficial result of this crisis. If tanks do assault the Russian Federation building, those such as George Bush and John Major who have talked to Mr Yeltsin will be involved as never before in the fate of a Russian leader. This coup cannot succeed for all time. Mr Yeltsin's stand has marked him out as Russia's symbol of liberty.

ISOLATING THE JUNTA

After an uncertain start, Western leaders have begun to put the *emphasis* where it belongs in responding to the Soviet coup. Monday's expressions of hope that the plotters would "continue economic reforms" not only seemed absurd given the iron decree issued by the new Kremlin. They ignored the fact that these men had seized power precisely to forestall reform. These pieties have now given way to forthright condemnation of the "illegal usurping of power" and demands, led by President Bush, for the reinstatement of President Gorbachev as the legal head of state.

That context is all-important. Western governments are supporting not a man so much as the principle that illegal seizures of power are incompatible with doing business with the West. They have held the junta formally responsible for the safety and liberty of Mr Gorbachev, Mr Yeltsin and all "elected representatives" of the Soviet people. Mr Bush and Mr Major have gone out of their way to stress that in supporting Mr Gorbachev's reinstatement, they are taking their cue from Mr Yeltsin's courageous insistence on democratic legality.

European Community foreign ministers have condemned the coup as a "flagrant violation" both of Soviet law and of the Soviet Union's obligations under the 1975 Helsinki Final Act and the Paris Charter, signed last November in a formal celebration of the end of the cold war. They have suspended more than a billion dollars' worth of credits and technical assistance, excepting only humanitarian food aid, and insisted that co-operation will resume only when "the Soviet Union returns to constitutional order". The EC communiqué noted that the junta's first decree *left no doubt* about the "true nature of the regime". The West will boycott this September's CSCE conference on human rights in Moscow. Mr Bush has put on hold grain credits and most favoured nation treatment pending a return to legality.

This emphasis on legal form, *rather on* than pragmatic judgments about the junta's true intentions, is far more important than the decision merely to suspend aid. The Soviet junta did not take power out of concern for the Soviet economy, but out of determination to prevent the imminent devolution of power to the republics as a precondition of economic reform. By enforcing total political and economic isolation, the West has made it impossible for the junta to offer itself to the Soviet people as a salvation from disorder and poverty. That is the purpose of an economic sanction, applied instantaneously and with maximum symbolic impact.

The West has rediscovered the courage of its convictions in parallel with the growth of popular resistance in Moscow, Leningrad and other Soviet towns and cities. Its resolve must not now wane if opposition to the coup is temporarily crushed. Speaking to Mr Bush and Mr Major yesterday, Mr Yeltsin stressed the West's continued insistence on the restoration of the status quo ante. He understands that whatever might follow this coup, nothing but restoration can roll back "the clouds of terror and dictatorship" and restart the difficult political dialogue on the country's future which the junta has arrested. That return to legality, as Mr Shevardnadze said yesterday, is also the only insurance against a return to the cold war.

Today, Nato foreign ministers must also consider the implications of events in Moscow for collective security and warn the junta against any trace of foreign adventurism. The language adopted at Nato's Copenhagen meeting earlier this year about the importance Nato attaches to the security of Eastern Europe now faces an unexpectedly severe test. Mr Bush has personally assured Eastern European leaders that the democratic processes in their countries "cannot be reversed".

More than symbolic gestures by Nato atthis stage may be unnecessary. But there should be formal missions to the East European capitals to discuss security arrangements. The security umbrella against the postwar Soviet Union which Nato was formed to supply still exists. The status of understandably nervous East European nations near, if not under, that umbrella needs to be addressed. So too must their relations with the increasingly protectionist European Community: British insistence on the early conclusion of association agreements for Czechoslovakia, Poland and Hungary is firmly to the point. And Nato should make plain that its peace dividend remains uncashed, and will not be cashed while the present junta retains its grip.

The first and worst temptation, that of giving the junta the benefit of the doubt, has now been surmounted. The second temptation, common to democracies, is to fall back on the old dictum about live and let live. Nobody wants the long-term isolation of the Soviet Union. But further contact must, for the time being, be extremely guarded with those now occupying the Kremlin and actively supportive of those such as Mr Yeltsin who, in the absence of Mr Gorbachev, have every claim to be regarded as the sole legitimate leaders both of Russia and of the other republics.

The Soviet Union's first steps towards political reform under Mr Gorbachev took the form of an acknowledgement that its future influence in the world depended on its playing by certain rules. Those rules included respect for human rights and the rule of law at home, as well as for national integrity abroad. The rules have been broken.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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On guard: world security in the wake of Moscow coup

From Mr James F. Pawsey, MP for Rugby and Kenilworth (Conservative) and Dr Sir Rhodes Boyson, MP for Brent North (Conservative)

Sir, We live in a dangerous, uncertain and fallen world and in the wake of Mikhail Gorbachev's overnight overthrow there are two actions which need to be speedily taken. The first by the UK government and the second by the European Community.

It is the prime duty of the state to protect its people and that requires a strong national defence. The reduction in Britain's armed forces proposed in "Options for Change" should be cancelled and the cost amounting to 4 per cent of *GDP* be regarded as the nation's insurance policy guaranteeing national survival.

Secondly, the European Community should invite the Eastern European states, particularly Poland, Czechoslovakia and Hungary, to join the EC as associate members. This would provide them with a measure of security and help ensure their survival as nations independent of the Soviet Union.

We have the honour to remain your obedient servants,
JAMES F. PAWSEY,
RHODES BOYSON,
House of Commons.
August 20.

From the Director of the Medical Campaign against Nuclear Weapons

Sir, We must all hope that your favourable political obituary for Mr Gorbachev is premature. We cannot afford to lose someone who shifted the world towards peace and disarmament, and we should all demand that the Stalinist and military junta should disgorge him without delay.

Every possible sanction against these dinosaurs is worth thinking about and activating. What would not be reasonable or sensible is to resume the arms race. The nuclear weapons dimension is now demonstrably irrelevant to Britain's needs as well as an open incitement to worldwide proliferation.

Yours faithfully,
TONY SMYTHE, Director,
Medical Campaign Against Nuclear Weapons,
601 Holloway Road, N19.
August 20.

From the Chairman of the Fontmell Group on Disaster Relief

Sir, Last December, when Russian winter food queues were at their height to a degree endangering stability, you gave prominence to a proposal (letter from the Soviet Ambassador, December 3) that since the problem was clearly distribution rather than food, the West should offer transport; and since military transport and drivers were readily available, the task could be organised through the situation room in Nato.

Since then, while the West has rejected a massive aid programme for the Soviets, it has never ruled out humanitarian aid, and in several statements positively ruled it in.

Since then also, Nato has had practice in coordinating its members' humanitarian missions, notably with the Kurdish rescue operation. There is no doubt at all that it could do the job — not *qua* a Nato force, but helping to concert a considerable operation.

The offer should be made conditional, as per your editorial today, on any Soviet regime observing its disarmament obligations and resuming its pursuit of democracy.

Yours etc.,
HUGH HANNING, Chairman,
Fontmell Group on Disaster Relief,
18 Montpelier Row,
Blackheath, SE3.
August 20.

From Mr Brian Crozier

Sir, The amazing thing about the fall of President Gorbachev is not that he has fallen but that he lasted as long as he did. He had tried to square an ideological circle: declaring his allegiance to Lenin while attempting to undo the system Lenin created, *and* keeping the Leninist party in power.

As his removal by the hardliners confirms, the system was unreformable. It was absurd to suppose that it could be reformed, and folly on the West's part to help a deeply unpopular and unelected leader to keep Lenin's party in power. With the hardliners (appointed by him) in charge in the Kremlin, the cold war will now be resumed.

The only hope for a break with the past lies with Boris Yeltsin, Eduard Shevardnadze andothers who broke with the party. But the obstacles they face are daunting: the army, the KGB and the interior forces.

Perhaps, by now, President Bush may be regretting his parting words after his visit to Moscow: "God bless the USSR."

Yours very truly,
BRIAN CROZIER,
303 The Linen Hall,
102-108 Regent Street, W1.
August 19.

From Alastair Bruce of Crionaich

Sir, With the news from Moscow, does Tom King really feel confident enough to carry out "Options for Change"? Events have once again reminded the world not to take the appearance of peace literally. How do we convince the accountants, who now run this country, that calculators will never predict human nature? After all, a Treasury full of money, while offering a tempting prize for any would-be aggressor, will never defend our shores.

Yours sincerely,
ALASTAIR BRUCE of CRIONAICH,
9 Churton Place, SW1.
August 19.

From Mr Simon Palmer

Sir, It is possible, just possible, that the reason for Mr Gorbachev's dismissal was exactly the way the new leaders described it.

The USSR has changed and the West must not immediately assume it is up to its old tricks. By all accounts the countries within the republic are ungovernable and perhaps it is fitting that the one who governs should be made accountable.

It throws into sharp relief the callous way our own leader was dismissed.

Yours faithfully,
SIMON PALMER,
5 Courtside, N8.
August 20.

From Mr D. B. Des Roches

Sir, One wonders if, in the future, the toasts in the officers' messes of the Royal Hampshires, the Royal Scots and all the other regiments slated for amalgamation will include one to "the Russian conspirators".

Yours faithfully,
D. B. Des ROCHES,
London House,
Mecklenburgh Square, WC1.
August 19.

Pavarotti concert and public safety

From Sir John Wheeler, MP for Westminster North (Conservative)

Sir, Your leader, "Why not London too?" (August 17), certainly puts an appealing case for the future use of Hyde Park for public concerts of the Pavarotti variety. But there is more to these events than may be first supposed.

The Pavarotti concert on July 30 was not "free" to the taxpayer nor was it free from risk to the public. The total cost to the Metropolitan Police budget was £241,000 and that admirable voluntary service, St John Ambulance, deployed ten mobile first aid units, 16 ambulances and 257 personnel. As it was, and despite the weather, some 130,000 turned up for the event and St John treated 193 casualties, of whom three were moved to hospital.

The fact is that there was inadequate preparation for the potential numbers of people who might have attended the event. The police and others reported an absence of proper safety and stewarding arrangements. The government may well have been saved from a Hillsborough disaster by the wet weather which deterred so many people from attending.

Whatever the Department of the Environment's committee looking at the future use of the royal parks eventually recommends, we must never again blunder into a major public event without proper consultation and consideration of the costs and safety of the public.

As your leader suggests, business accepts that supporting public culture is good and such a tradition prevails in respect of Central Park in New York. The Pavarotti concert, on the other hand, was organised for private gain, at public expense.

Yours faithfully,
JOHN WHEELER,
House of Commons.
August 19.

Sade in paperback

From Mr Nicolas Walter

Sir, Moyra Bremner ("Beyond the limits of licence", August 13) argues for the voluntary or compulsory suppression of the latest editions of *Justine* and *Juliette*; so do the Chairman of the National Family Trust and Bishop Maurice Wood (letters, August 16). I do not wish to defend Sade, but I do wish to put some arguments on the other side.

Practical: Suppression will not work. Ever since the publication in 1797 of the final version of *Justine* and of its sequel *Juliette*, which led four years later to Sade's arrest and life imprisonment, these two most shocking of his books have been repeatedly suppressed but repeatedly republished, in English as in other languages. Even if the new editions are withdrawn or prosecuted, Sade cannot be silenced after nearly two centuries, and attempts to do so will only increase his audience.

Factual: The situation should not be exaggerated. Sade is an unpleasant but serious writer, and he should be treated critically but seriously. His books are not as badly written as is frequently claimed (or as well written as is occasionally claimed). And the episodes of sex and violence are so cold and dead that they are repellent rather than attractive. It is hard to believe that anyone, however susceptible, has genuinely felt either stimulated to or justified in perversion by reading Sade.

Logical: Fair's fair. If Moyra Bremner and I can read *Justine* and *Juliette*, why cannot other people? If other people should be able to get the old editions — including the American ones of 1965-8 which are reproduced by the new British ones — should not they be able to get the new editions too?

Final: Freedom for other people includes freedom for things we hate, just as freedom for us includes freedom for things other people hate. I hate much of Sade's work, but I fear that suppressing it does more harm than publishing it.

Yours etc.,
NICOLAS WALTER,
Rationalist Press Association,
88 Islington High Street, N1.
August 15.

Modern reading

From Mrs Joan Smith

Sir, My suggestion to help Ms Vivien Allen's friend in Minsk (letters, August 5, 10, 13) to update his reading of English literature would be Doris Lessing's *The Good Terrorist*. As a portrayal of youth in rebellion against society, of unemployment, squatters, terrorism, the generation gap, together with compassion and comradeship, it has a lot to say, both good and bad, about contemporary Britain.

Yours faithfully,
JOAN SMITH,
5 Highgrove Close,
Chislehurst, Kent.
August 13.

From Mr W. H. P. Gillett

Sir, A few years ago I read *Watership Down* with one of my students, a Soviet official who later turned out to be a spy. After reading a couple of chapters I suggested that the book might be a little too simple for him, and that a change to something more sophisticated might be desirable. To my surprise I found that he really loved the book, and he insisted on reading it to the very end.

In complete contrast, Roald Dahl's *Kiss Kiss* was another winner with Russian students of English.

Yours faithfully,
WILLIAM GILLETT,
2 West Mansions, Heene Terrace,
Worthing, West Sussex.

From Mr Peter Roebuck

Sir, Is it not enough to send to Russia a copy of the latest *Wisden's Almanac*?

Yours quizzically,
PETER ROEBUCK,
Somerset County Cricket Club,
The County Ground,
Taunton, Somerset.

Marriage vows

From Dr R. G. Henderson

Sir, The words "I do" may well be immortal, but they appear nowhere in the marriage service (Diary, August 16). At a marriage, the bride and groom are not asked "Do you love?" but "*Will* you love?". In the Bible, love is an act of will, not a mere feeling. If this were remembered it might help all marriages — whether we stutter when we say "I will" or not.

Yours faithfully,
R. G. HENDERSON,
Ord House, Little Fencote,
Northallerton, North Yorkshire.

From the Reverend A. G. Ward

Sir, As the bride and groom properly address their vows to each other (it looks very odd if they speak them to the priest!), they can best help each other. I remember the groom who had an appalling stammer helped by his charming bride. She mouthed the words of his vow, looking straight at him as he spoke, and he uttered them perfectly. I was very impressed and moved.

Yours faithfully,
GEORGE WARD,
25 West Crescent,
Darlington, Co Durham.

Tomb of value

From Mr Geoffrey C. Munn

Sir, I was delighted to read that the Brompton Cemetery (report, August 20) is to be given permanent police protection from the problems of vandalism. Perhaps the greatest treasure to be found there is the tomb of the famous industrialist and patron of the arts Frederick Leyland. It is a masterpiece of Pre-Raphaelite funerary sculpture designed by Sir Edward Burne-Jones and deserves a permanent place of safety in one of our national museums.

Yours faithfully,
GEOFFREY MUNN
(Managing Director),
Wartski Ltd.,
14 Grafton Street, W1.

Magistrates' clerks

From the General Secretary of the Association of Magisterial Officers

Sir, Dr Penny Darbyshire's letter (August 13) is misleading. The certificate of competence to which she refers, issued to court clerks with five years' service before 1980, has fallen into disuse. It was a transitional measure to avoid the loss of too many court clerks when the qualification of assistants rules (1979) were introduced.

She also refers to the exodus of court clerks, since when "the situation has probably deteriorated massively". An exodus took place in 1988 when out of 1,500 court clerks in the service (excluding inner London) 162 professionally-qualified clerks left. Immediately before this a survey showed that there were about 350 professionally-qualified court clerks in the service (excluding inner London).

The diploma holder is regarded as a valuable member of the service, the majority of whom perform their duties admirably. This situation is recognised by the Home Office, which continues to finance excellent courses in magisterial law leading to the diploma.

Yours faithfully,
COLIN CLEGG, General Secretary,
Association of Magisterial Officers,
35 High Street,
Crawley, West Sussex.
August 14.

Pot luck

From Mrs Penelope Ann Craig

Sir, Having plumped for a holiday coastguard cottage complete with chemical outside lavatory, I felt a pot would partly redress the situation. A pretty, porcelain pot, no less: Longton Hall even came to mind.

Have any of your readers tracked down a pot in London lately? The summer sale at Thomas Goode drew a blank, as equally did John Lewis, Selfridges, Peter Jones, the General Trading Co. and Harrods. Not even Boots could boast a porcelain pot. What accounts for this untimely demise?

Yours faithfully,
PENELOPE ANN CRAIG,
Hardwicke House, Ham Common,
Richmond, Surrey.
August 18.

New hospital beds

From Mr Alan M. Dexter

Sir, Jill Sherman's report (August 15) on the "Survey of Acute Hospitals in the Independent Sector 1991", produced by the Independent Healthcare Association, failed to draw out of the survey the large rise in number of hospitals and beds planned for 1991-2, totalling 460 new beds, an increase of 4.2 per cent over this year.

This would support the view that there has been a hiatus of new development and investment as healthcare managers considered the full implications of the NHS reforms announced this year. Now that these have been clarified, the healthcare market has responded in a very positive way despite the rigours of the economic environment.

Yours faithfully,

ALAN DEXTER (Chief Executive and Chairman, Independent Healthcare Association),
Community Hospitals Group plc,
Priory Terrace,
24 Bromham Road, Bedford.
August 16.

Digital temperatures

From Captain T. M. Quarendon, RN (retd)

Sir, Viscount Norwich expresses surprise (August 17) that three digital temperature displays which he sees regularly from the M4 show widely different readings at the same time. He seems to suspect faulty instruments. Regrettably, the likely explanation is dully scientific: all the thermometers are honestly telling the truth, but the truth is different for each.

It is a popular over-simplification to think that there is a single value of temperature which precisely characterises a widespread mass of air near the ground at a given time. Most people know that a thermometer exposed to the sun will give a different reading from one placed near by but in the shade, but many think that all temperatures measured in the shade will be much the same.

In general this idea is far from the truth; only if the temperature is measured under standard conditions will the concept of a characteristic air temperature be useful. For meteorological purposes the agreed procedure is to measure the temperature inside a large, white-painted, louvred box placed several feet above the ground in the middle of a large grassy area.

Temperatures measured in this way will agree closely enough to be useful for everyday weather analysis and forecasting, but even these may be expected to vary by a degree or so. I expect the information displayed near the M4 comes from individual local sensors operating in far from standard conditions.

Yours faithfully,
TREVOR QUARENDON,
Freeland Cottage, Meonstoke,
Southampton, Hampshire.

From Mr J. W. Richards

Sir, I, too, regularly drive past the three temperature displays on the M4 but am satisfied they are accurately recording the temperature at each individual point. I usually add them all together and divide by three.

I am, Sir, yours faithfully,
J. W. RICHARDS,
17 Palace Gate, W8.
August 17.

Remembered fields

From the Reverend Canon Edwin Davies

Sir, All through this summer I have driven past the large playing fields of a local comprehensive school. During the summer term nothing has disturbed the grass, not one athletic lane has been whitened, not one cricket strip cut.

When I recall my youth this seems a selfish waste of resources. In the Rhondda of those days we played on matting laid on the top of an old coal tip. Thank God these are now turfed and gone for ever. But what we would have given for such playing fields outside the door of the school!

I have golden memories of standing in fear in the slips as the thunderbolts hurled down — a hand stuck out and the miracle when the ball sticks. Happy schooldays are too precious to be wasted.

Yours etc.,
EDWIN DAVIES,
52 Prospect Drive, Llandaff,
Cardiff, South Glamorgan.

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COURT CIRCULAR

BALMORAL CASTLE
August 20: This evening The Prince of Wales, Colonel-in-Chief, 5th Royal Inniskilling Dragoon Guards, received Major General Patrick Brooking, Colonel of the Regiment.

Mrs Robert de Pass has succeeded Mrs John Dugdale as Lady in Waiting to the Queen.

Princess Margaret celebrates her birthday today.

Anniversaries today

BIRTHS: St Francis de Sales, Doctor of the Church, near Annecy, France, 1567; Jean Baptiste Greuze, painter, Mâcon, 1725; William Murdock, inventor, Auchinleck, Strathclyde, 1754; William IV, reigned 1830-37, Buckingham Palace, 1765; Aubrey Beardsley, illustrator, Brighton, 1872; "Count" Basie, jazz pianist, Red Bank, New Jersey, 1904.

DEATHS: Richard Crashaw poet, Loreto, Italy, 1649; Lady Mary Wortley Montagu, writer, London, 1762; Sir Benjamin Thompson, Count von Rumford, founder of the Royal Institution, Auteuil, 1814; Constant Lambert, composer, London, 1951; Sir Jacob Epstein, sculptor, London, 1959; Sobhuza II, King of Swaziland 1899-1982, 1982; George Adamson, conservationist, murdered, Kenya, 1989.

Church news

Church in Wales
Diocese of St Asaph

The Rev John Hay, Assistant Curate, St Saviour and St Peter's, Eastbourne, nominated Vicar of Buckley.

The Rev Paul Kinsey, Assistant Curate, Connah's Quay, to be a Minor Canon, St Asaph Cathedral.

The Rev Shirley Thelma Griffiths, NSM Assistant Curate, Dyserth, Trelawnyd and Cwm, to be Chaplain of St Asaph Cathedral.

Birthdays

Mr A.C. Abbott, stage designer, 68; Dame Janet Baker, opera singer, 58; Mr Christopher Brasher, Olympic gold medallist and former race director, London Marathon, 63; Miss Diana Churchill, actress, 78; Sir Kenneth Cork, former Lord Mayor of London, 78; Lord Goodman, CH, 78; Sir Joshua Hassan, former Chief Minister of Gibraltar, 76; Miss Anne Hobbs, tennis player, 32; the Hon Gerald Lascelles, 67; Dr T.P. McLean, former director, Atomic Weapons Research Establishment, 61; Mr Barry Norman, broadcaster, 58; the Earl of Normanton, 46; Mr Kenny Rogers, country music singer, 50; Colonel J.I.M. Smail, newspaper proprietor, 70; Mr Sam Toy, former chairman, Ford Motor Company, 68; Lieutenant-General Sir Richard Vickers, 63.

University news

Stirling

Recipients of recent research grants include:

Dr C.M. Willmer, Biological and Molecular Sciences (with Minnesota University), *(Changing Properties of Guard Cell Membranes during Stomatal Movements)* £71,148,000 from Nato Scientific Affairs; Dr P.M.B. Catusse, Psychology, *(Use-dependent synaptic plasticity in primary somatosensory cortex)* £96,032 from the Wellcome Trust; Professor D.M. Bryant, Biological and Molecular Sciences (with Aberdeen University), *(SURAS for Life Sciences, stable isotope Laboratory at SURRC)*, £121,830 from Natural Environmental Research Council; Dr B. McAndrew, Institute of Aquaculture, *(Use of Androgenesis to Regenerate Diploid Fish from the Genetic Material of Cryopreserved Sperm)*, £149,000 from Overseas Development Administration; Dr P.J. Brophy, Biological and Molecular Sciences, *(The role of the cytoskeleton in myelin-forming cells: cDNA-cloning, sequencing and expression of a new intermediate filament protein)*, £154,650 from the Multiple Sclerosis Society in Scotland.

John Michael Jerwood, MC

A service in celebration of the life of the late John Jerwood, will be held in the Chapel, Oakham School, Oakham, Leicestershire, at 3.00pm on Tuesday, September 3, 1991. Persons wishing to attend the service are invited to notify their intention to the clerk to the Trustees, Oakham School, Oakham, Leicestershire, LE15 6DT. Telephone: 0572-722487.

Inner Temple

William Gage, QC, has been elected a Master of the Bench of the Inner Temple.

Blitzed mansion to be rebuilt after 50 years

By CHRISTOPHER WARMAN, PROPERTY CORRESPONDENT

ONE of the most expensive holes in the ground in London, a bomb site derelict for 50 years, is to be filled in with apartments within the shell of the reconstructed Victorian mansion that stood on the site.

After attracting interest from property developers in recent years, No 36 Lowndes Street in Belgravia was sold to developers Radmark Properties for £1.5 million last October after the death of the owner, the German Baroness Gisela von Krieger.

Her name as the owner of the mysterious site became known only after her death, for she had lived a reclusive life since the second world war. The house was damaged in a bombing raid and was demolished in 1950. Baroness von Krieger is believed to have kept the site untouched as a memorial to a member of her family killed in the war.

One theory is that it was for her son, a Luftwaffe pilot shot down in a raid. A second theory is that she was in the house in 1940 with her husband and young son when it was bombed and lost one of them in the fire that followed.

The new owners, through their subsidiary Goshawk Developments, have received planning approval for its reconstruction and work is due to start next month. Plans drawn up by James Carr of architects Barton Willmore Partnership have taken into account the importance of the original house, built by the early Victorian master builder Thomas Cubitt, and its location in a conservation area.

Mr Carr said that local residents supported the reconstruction. "The whole house is designed to recreate the beauty and elegance of the original Victorian mansion."

The six-storey house will have eight apartments, one for a resident porter and the remaining seven for sale at prices yet to be fixed.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr G.J. Allen
and Miss E.J.P. Gray
The engagement is announced between Graham, son of Mr and Mrs Ian Allen, of Farnham, Surrey, and Elizabeth, second daughter of Professor and Mrs Denis Pereira Gray, of Exeter, Devon.

Mr R.G. Ames
and Miss S.M. Taylor
The engagement is announced between Roger Ames, of Penn, Buckinghamshire, and Sheila Taylor, of Windsor, Berkshire.

Mr P.J. Collman
and Ms M.C.M. Richards
The engagement is announced between Peter, younger son of the late Mr E.J. Collman and of Mrs E.M. Collman, of Pinner, Middlesex, and Mary, younger daughter of Lieutenant-Colonel and Mrs C.J. Broadbent, of Bickley, Kent.

Mr T.J. Hester
and Miss A.K. Worsfold
The engagement is announced between Toby, eldest son of Mr and Mrs A.W.B. Hester, of Chandlers Ford, Hampshire, and Amanda, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs J.C. Worsfold, of Limpsfield, Surrey.

Mr S.J. Paul
and Mlle M.M. Delpech
The engagement is announced between Simon, son of Mr John Paul and the late Alison Paul, of Putney, London, and Marjorie, daughter of M Serge Delpech, of Geneva, Switzerland, and Mme Christiane Pettersen, of Belves, France.

Mr C.J. Scott
and Miss H. Hobhouse
The engagement is announced between Christopher, son of Mr and Mrs G.A. Scott, of Oxted, Surrey, and Helen, second daughter of Mr and Mrs R.H. Hobhouse, of Nercwys, Clwyd.

Dr I.C. Smith
and Miss S.M.T. Lasok
The engagement is announced between Ian, elder son of Mr and Mrs Donald Smith, of Exeter, Devon, and Tia, daughter of Professor and Mrs Dominik Lasok, also of Exeter. The marriage will take place in Exeter on September 21.

Mr M.D. Wiggin
and Miss P.A. Burrows
The engagement is announced between Mark, elder son of Mr and Mrs Michael Wiggin, of Mattingley, Hampshire, and Philippa, daughter of Mr David Burrows, of Tetbury, Gloucestershire, and Mrs Sue Burrows, of Perrots Brook, Gloucestershire.

Marriage

Mr J. McConnel
and Miss A.V. Tempest
The marriage took place on August 17, at St Stephen's Church, Skipton, between Mr James McConnel, son of Mr and Mrs Adrian McConnel, of Manor Farm, Plaitford, Hampshire, and Miss Anne Valerie Tempest, second daughter of Mr and Mrs Henry Tempest, of Broughton Hall, Skipton, North Yorkshire. The Rev Michael Seed officiated, assisted by the Rev Sydney Leigh-Clayton.

A reception was held at Broughton Hall.

OBITUARIES

XAN FIELDING

Xan Fielding, DSO, wartime secret agent and author, died in Paris on August 19 aged 72. He was born in India on November 26, 1918.

IN HIS temperament, talents and physical courage Xan Fielding was well equipped to have made a mark in many spheres of life. Crete in the aftermath of the German invasion in May 1941 provided a theatre in which his individuality was able to blossom. Guerrilla warfare was particularly congenial to one of his character. He cherished the amateur's view of war which saw it as a clash between the prowess of individuals and not as a contest between technologies backed by armaments industries and reserves of manpower. In addition to an innate romanticism, he possessed in abundance the classical Greek quality of *arete* (that excellence in thought and performance so often imperfectly translated as "virtue" in school texts) and revelled to the point of exultation in the exercise of his own initiative. Yet at the same time, through his mastery of the language and his psychological insight, he extended a discerning admiration to the often contrary and ferocious Cretan *andarte* groups which his efforts were designed, at least in part, to serve.

Regimental soldiering was anathema to him and the sharpest barbs of his wit were always reserved for the staff. But his exploits went far beyond being of mere nuisance value to the allied cause. In two remarkable years following the fall of Crete the efforts of Fielding and that other like-minded spirit, Patrick Leigh Fermor, built up a guerrilla network in the occupied island, facilitated the escape of many Australian and New Zealand soldiers who had remained in hiding and, most important, built up an intelligence network which provided invaluable information to the allies in North Africa on the movement of Axis *matériel* through this most important staging post.

Alas for the hopes of these romantics, who would have loved to have fulfilled the dream of the guerrillas and to have led an avenging descent out of the mountains to drive the German invader into the sea, such a moment was never to come. After the allied decision to invade Sicily and pursue the Italian option Crete was left to wither on the vine as a fruit to be plucked when a convenient moment should arrive. Guerrilla operations there were relegated to a sideshow and Fielding felt there was nothing more he could usefully do. More drama awaited him. Transferred to the Western European theatre, he was parachuted into France, captured by the Gestapo and escaped execution only thanks to the courage and resourcefulness of the ill-starred Christine Granville, to whom he later dedicated his book *Hide and Seek* (1954).

Alexander Wallace Fielding was born at Ootcamund, India, into a military family which had given long service in the subcontinent. His father was a major in the 50th Sikhs. After the death of his mother he was brought up in the South of France where her family had property and thus acquired fluent French. Sent to school in England at Charterhouse, he added the classics to his linguistic and cultural arsenal and acquired a profound knowledge of German through later studies at Bonn, Munich and Freiburg universities. This German sojourn gave him a thorough understanding of the nature of the Nazi threat to civilised values at a time when the British government under Chamberlain was temporising on the road to disaster. In a spirit of more than mild disillusionment Fielding wandered about Europe eventually gravitating to Cyprus. There after a short and unsuccessful flirtation with journalism on the *Cyprus Times* he ran a bar — with not appreciably greater success. He simply could not understand the inability and unwillingness of his colonial compatriots to understand the island they administered while the automatic disdain which was extended to the governed populace was utterly odious to him. None of these attitudes endeared him to his British contemporaries and consequently made him a less than popular mine host in a colonial ethos. His determination to master Greek also made him an object of suspicion to the authorities, most of whom had neither the wit nor inclination to come to terms with the language. When war broke out Fielding went briefly to Greece, dreading the thought of being drafted into the forces in Cyprus and being forced to live by the dictates of the mess and the parade ground. But after Dunkirk, when Britain stood alone, this course came to seem a somewhat dishonourable one and he returned to Cyprus where he found a not totally uncongenial berth in army intelligence. Even this provided a somewhat circumscribed field for the exercise of his talents and it was not until after the German invasion of Crete that he was able to come into his own when he volunteered for service with the Special Operations Executive (SOE).



Xan Fielding (at left without shirt) with a group of resistance fighters in Crete

Put ashore on Crete from a submarine with a load of explosives and weapons, Fielding quickly linked up with local resistance leaders and adopted the protective camouflage of a Greek peasant. Nowhere in occupied Europe was resistance organised so quickly and effectively as it was in Crete. Clandestine operations took shape almost in the very chaos of evacuation. Fielding was lucky to team up with that other great linguist, philhellene and guerrilla leader, Patrick Leigh Fermor, and the mental kinship between the two men, who complemented each other in spite of their different temperaments, was instrumental in putting Cretan resistance operations on a sane and sound footing. Fielding realised at the outset that the task must be limited to building up an intelligence network and developing his guerrilla force with an eye to its use in the future, rather than wasting it in futile heroics which would certainly have drawn down ferocious reprisals on the unprotected civilian population. With great boldness he established an HQ not far from Crete's northern coast from which he often sortied forth with impunity in his persona as a local to the town of Canea to visit the mayor who was astonished at the audacity with which the resistance leader virtually brushed shoulders with Wehrmacht officers on these calls.

With the battle for North Africa in full swing Crete had become a major staging post for the supply of Rommel's forces and the intelligence Fielding was able to pass to the allies was invaluable. One of his most resounding successes was to be able to signal the precise air movements at Maleme airfield, thus enabling the RAF to intercept German supply aircraft on their way to the North African littoral.

After a spell in Egypt to rest and recuperate Fielding returned to Crete in 1942. In this second period one of his most remarkable feats was to engineer, in November 1943, a pact between the two main groups of *andarte*, the communist-led EAM-ELAS and the EOK, the national organisation of Crete.

But as the dream of liberating Crete faded Fielding felt more and more frustrated and early in 1944 he volunteered to join the French operations of SOE. Soon after being parachuted into the south of France, however, he and a French officer and another agent were stopped at a road block at Digne where minor discrepancies in papers, which had otherwise been forged with scrupulous care, led to their arrest and imprisonment by the Gestapo. Totally resigned to being shot, they were in fact rescued by the nerve and feminine guile of the SOE courier "Pauline", Christine Granville, formerly a Polish countess. "Pauline" who had already been arrested herself but escaped after convincing her captors that she was a French peasant girl arrived at the prison at Digne and through a mixture of bribery and by telling the agents' captors that the Americans had already landed on the French riviera, secured their release three hours before they were due to have been shot. Indeed Fielding was convinced that he was being marched from the prison to have precisely that sentence carried out on him and was astonished when he was, instead, bundled into "Pauline's" car and driven off.

Fielding, who had already been awarded the DSO was given the Croix de Guerre by the French later in 1944 and did subsequently return briefly to Crete. But in the meantime Leigh Fermor had carried out his legendary abduction of the German general Kreipe — later filmed as *Ill Met By Moonlight*, starring Dirk Bogarde as Leigh Fermor — and with no decisive further action in prospect the atmosphere there was something of an anti-climax for Fielding. He was sent briefly to the Far East by SOE but here, too, the war was coming to an end. After witnessing the winding down of operations in Indo-China Fielding made a journey to Tibet on his own account.

After the war he wrote a number of books. Besides his account of SOE's Cretan operations he published *The Stronghold* which combined the experience of his days as a *kapetan* of the resistance with a scholarly knowledge and love of the island, its history and culture, all of which shone through in his account. Among his other books were *Corsair Country*, an account of a journey overland along the Barbary coast from Tangier to Tripoli, and *The Money Spinner*, an elegantly constructed history of the Monte Carlo casino. At one time Fielding's linguistic abilities gave him a useful income as a translator and he was also a technical adviser on *Ill Met By Moonlight*. He had, in spite of illness, been able, recently, to attend Greek celebrations of the 50th anniversary of the battle for Crete, and was among allied officers awarded the the commemorative medal of the resistance on that occasion.

He was twice married, first, in 1953, to Daphne Bath, née Vivian. The marriage was dissolved and he married, secondly, in 1978, Agnes ("Magouche") Phillips, daughter of Admiral John H. Magruder of the US navy.

PROFESSOR ROGER GILLIATT

Roger William Gilliatt, MC, emeritus professor of clinical neurology in the University of London, died from cancer on August 19 in Washington, DC, aged 69. He was born on July 30, 1922.

ROGER Gilliatt was an influential neurologist of international repute who became nationally known as the best man to Antony Armstrong-Jones at his wedding to Princess Margaret. He was born into a distinguished medical family, his mother being an anaesthetist and his father, Sir William, obstetrician to the Queen and president of the Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists and the Royal Society of Medicine.

Roger Gilliatt was educated at Rugby and went to Magdalen College, Oxford in 1940. In 1942 he enlisted in the King's Royal Rifle Corps and was later commissioned. He later served in the 8th Battalion of the King's Royal Rifle Corps and then in the 12th Battalion, as battalion scout platoon commander, in north-west Europe. He was awarded the Military Cross and mentioned in dispatches. The citation for the medal speaks of Lieutenant Gilliatt's great leadership and of his outstanding personal courage under heavy shell-fire. Near Kloppenburg he went forward on foot by himself and rescued the crew of a burning tank despite coming under heavy small-arms fire.

After the war he returned to Oxford and gained a first in physiology. Thence he went to the Middlesex Hospital and graduated BM, BCh in 1949. He became MRCP in 1951 and DM in 1955. After junior training posts he became senior house physician at the National Hospital, Queen Square. He was elected consultant there and to the Middlesex Hospital in 1955. He was elected FRCP in 1961 and delivered the Goulstonian lecture to the college in 1962 and the Oliver Sharpey lecture in 1975. Also in 1962 he was appointed the first professor of clinical neurology at the Institute of Neurology, Queen Square. He continued as honorary consultant to the Middlesex Hospital for more than 25 years and subsequently until his retirement in 1987 held a similar position



at the Royal Postgraduate Medical School and the Hammersmith Hospital. During his later years he played an increasing part in the University of London and on the Committee on Safety of Medicines.

Gilliatt's principal scientific contribution was to the study of diseases of the peripheral nervous system. He was one of the pioneers of clinical electromyography and nerve conduction studies. On his appointment to the chair he established laboratories for the study of human and experimental neuropathy. To his department came a succession of young neurologists from all over the world, many of whom went on to become leading figures in their own countries and internationally. Almost all the present professors of neurology in the UK worked with Gilliatt at some stage of their careers.

Gilliatt's personal scientific interests were concentrated on the mechanisms of mechanical and toxic damage to peripheral nerves. But in others he encouraged and supported a wide range of research into diseases of muscle, the brain and the spinal cord. Though the techniques he used himself remained those which he had had a hand in developing, he actively encouraged the introduction of new approaches — such as magnetic resonance imaging — which promised to illuminate hitherto intractable problems in neurology.

Professor Gilliatt's appointment to the Institute of Neurology came at a critical time when it was poorly placed to capitalise on the rapid expansion that was beginning elsewhere in neurological research. His leadership in collaboration with a succession of deans of the institute and other colleagues led to the establishment of chairs in related clinical and basic science disciplines. His guiding principle was that neurologists in training, having identified a problem in the clinic, should be in a position to take it to the laboratory where it could be investigated systematically, the new insights gained being taken back again to improve the management of patients. His broad policies ultimately led to the present pre-eminent position of the institute internationally.

Gilliatt was a formidable figure intellectually and personally. He exacted the highest standards both in the laboratory and on the wards. His Wednesday afternoon case conference (which was often attended by leading international figures in neurology) became justly famous for the standard of presentation and the rigour of the discussions.

But there was another side to Roger Gilliatt. He was a deeply cultured man, widely read and with a particular passion for history. His wit, the range of his conversation, his generosity as a host and above all his personal warmth endeared him to a wide circle of friends in the intellectual, literary and social worlds. He also took part in the last day of the 1959 Aldermaston march, reflecting his socialist views at the time.

Gilliatt continued to work in the laboratory himself throughout his career and it was a delight for him to return to his first love, electromyography, when with his approaching retirement he was invited to become Senior Consultant in Clinical Neurophysiology at the National Institutes for Neurological Disease and Stroke in Bethesda, USA — a mark of the high international esteem in which he was held. His new life in Washington was a source of profound satisfaction both professionally and personally.

He is survived by his wife, Mary, two daughters and a son. His first marriage, to Penelope Gilliatt, was dissolved.

Creating a glass house that defies tradition

By MARCUS BINNEY, ARCHITECTURE CORRESPONDENT

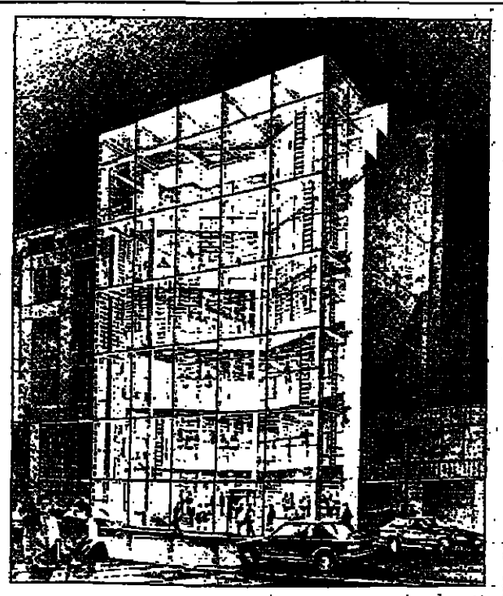
A NEW author has appeared for the design of a remarkable transparent office building in Mansell Street on the eastern edge of the City of London.

A perspective of the original scheme, right, by the architect Alena Keats has been sent to *The Times*. It was on the basis of this that planning permission was granted.

The design shows a seamless glass box with the internal lights providing the same effects as floodlighting.

Miss Keats says: "The clients owned a section of pavement well forward of the street building line and I was able to persuade the planners to allow us to enclose it on the condition it *was an open atrium, not* additional floor space." After planning permission was granted Miss Keats went to work on a project in Spain.

Development and detailing of the design was entrusted to the architect John Winter and his associate, Jonathan Ellis-Miller. The complex steel rigging (*The Times*, August 1), which supports the curtain wall of bullet-proof glass was worked out with the engineers Ove Arup.



Report aims to secure future for Cairngorms

CONSERVATIONISTS are hoping that the publication this week of a report on ways to safeguard the future of the Cairngorms could be the first step towards the area becoming Britain's first mainland World Heritage site (Kerry Gill writes).

The key issues for the protection of one of Britain's most important mountain and wilderness areas have been set out by the Cairngorms working party. The group, which began work in March, aims to produce a series of government-backed objectives that would enhance the area's natural heritage and promote its wellbeing into the next century.

Lying between the valleys of the Spey and Dee rivers, the Cairngorms contain most of Scotland's peaks over 4,000 feet surrounded by moorland, glens, forests, rivers and lochs.

The document has been criticised for containing few new ideas, but its publication on Monday allows interested bodies to comment on the area's future before the working party, chaired by Magnus Magnusson, makes it final recommendations to Ian Lang, the Scottish secretary, next year.

Its publication coincided with calls for Treasury money to be made available towards the purchase of Mar Lodge, the 77,000 acre estate that is said to contain much of the finest land in the Cairngorms.

Cairngorms Working Party Report (Scottish Office, New St Andrew's House, Edinburgh)

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David said... 'Let us fall into the hands of the Lord, for his mercy is great: and let me not fall into the hands of men.'
2 Samuel 24:14 REB

BIRTHS

BARBER - On August 14th 1991, to Carol (née Fairchild) and David, a daughter.

BAYLISS - On August 8th, at the West Middlesex Hospital, Isleworth, to Elizabeth and Jonathan, a son, Alastair Charles, a brother for Kate.

BEWICK - On August 15th, to Karen (née Brook) and Guy, a daughter, Laura Sophie.

CADWALLADER - On August 17th 1991, to Theresia Kartini (née Rahardjo) and Neil, a son, Benedict Thomas Yudhisthira.

EDEN - On August 16th, to Helena (née Michell) and Simon, a daughter, Emilia Ann.

EGAN - On August 4th 1991, to Mandy (née Rider) and William, a daughter, Hannah Victoria Elizabeth, a beautiful sister for Natalie.

FARTHING - On August 19th, at Heim Chase, Kendal, to Helen (née Camamille) and Gordon, a son, Alexander Hadfield.

FIRMSTON-WILLIAMS - On August 18th, in Landsberg-am-Lech, Bavaria, to Melanie (née Conant) and Richard, a son, Hamish Alastair, a brother for Jessica.

HAMPSON - On August 18th, to Stephanie (née Domingo) and Sam, a son, a brother for Rebecca and George.

HARMAN - On August 19th, to Charlotte (née Rutherford) and Charles, a son, William Robert, a brother for Alexander.

KEILLER - On August 17th, to Jane and Andrew, a daughter, Clare Elizabeth, a sister for Sarah and James.

LEEMAN - On August 17th, at the Humana Hospital Wellington, to Andrew and Shaunnee, a daughter.

MATTHIAS - On July 26th, to Lisa and Jason, a daughter, Olivia Marie, a sister for Nadya and Jack.

McCALLUM - On August 17th, at the Humana Hospital Wellington, to Sylvia (née Kahn-Freund) and Jeremy, a daughter, Lucy, sister for Toby.

OTWAY - On August 18th, at Queen Mary's Hospital, Sidcup, to Karen (née Musker) and Sam, a daughter, Jessica Laura, a sister for Duncan, Heather and Fiona.

OWEN - On August 17th, to Sue and Derek, a son, Thomas Elliot, at Wycombe General Hospital.

REITH - On August 19th, to June (née Nightingale) and Colin, a son, George.

SEARS - On August 18th, in Sydney, Australia, to William and Pippa (née Pigot), a daughter, Emily Mary, a sister for David.

SHAW - On August 15th, to Monica (née Ashby) and Roger, a son, Anthony William.

SIMPKISS - On August 17th, at The Portland Hospital, to Elizabeth (née Weaver) and Jonathan, a daughter, Helen.

SMITH - On August 15th, at Northwick Park Hospital, Harrow, Middlesex, to Jane (née Denny) and Aidan, a son, Timothy Bruce.

STARK - On August 14th, to Sara-Louise and Jonathan, a son, Declan John David, a brother for Caroline.

SUMPTION - On August 17th, to Carole and Stephen, a son, Alexander, a brother for William and Edward.

TETLEY - On August 20th, to Caroline and Mark, a daughter, Elizabeth Charlotte.

DEATHS

d'AVIGDOR - On August 18th 1991, in Weston-super-Mare Hospital, Margery Joyce (Jo), aged 86 years.

ALTOUNYAN - On August 20th, Tadeus, father of Andrew. Formerly of Iraq Petroleum Company at Hythe.

BOTLEY - On August 18th 1991, suddenly after a short illness, borne with great bravery and style, Elizabeth Mary (Betty), formerly of Rustington and Putney. Authoress, scriptwriter, storyteller. Dearly loved sister of Rosemary and Will. Service Worthing Crematorium, Findon, on Wednesday August 28th at 3.20 pm.

DEATHS

BROMET - On August 17th, peacefully at Kineton, Lila, widow of Grosvenor, much loved mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. Cremation at Oakley Wood, Friday August 23rd. Family flowers only. Donations for South Warwickshire Seamen Appeal, c/o Wisdom & Adams, Kineton, Warwick.

CAMM - On August 19th 1991, peacefully at home in Bassett, Southampton, John, very dearly loved husband of Enid, father of Sue, Val, Anthony and Mary and 'Gaffer' to all his grandchildren. Funeral Service at St Michael's and All Angels, Bassett Avenue, on Wednesday August 28th at 2.45 pm, followed by private cremation. Family flowers only but donations, if desired, to Chest, Heart and Stroke Association, c/o J. Lawrence and Son, 17 St Denys Road, Portswood, Southampton.

CARLOSS - On August 18th 1991, suddenly but very peacefully, Marty, beloved mother and grandmother of Judy, Christopher, James and Josephine. Requiem Mass on September 5th at St James's Spanish Place at 10.30 am. Flowers to F. Richards Funeral Directors, 149 Kentish Town Rd, NW1.

CARTER - On August 19th 1991, suddenly at his home Quigley's Point, Co. Donegal, Professor Derek T. Beloved husband of Josephine and dear father of Emmett and Juliette. Funeral from 34 Grange Road, Coleraine, today Wednesday at 10.30 am to St Malachy's Church for 11 am Mass, followed by interment in Coleraine Cemetery.

DANIEL - On August 18th 1991, peacefully, Mary Rosalind (Lynne). Darling wife of the late Eddie, mother of Gail, Susan and Penelope and granny of Piers, Mark and Oliver. Funeral Service at Leigh Church, Surrey, on Friday August 23rd at 2.45 pm, followed by cremation at Worth Crematorium, Crawley at 4 pm. No flowers please, if desired, donations to The Gardeners' Royal Benevolent Society c/o Stoneman Funeral Service, Dorran Court, Redhill, Surrey.

EDDEN - On August 10th, after a long illness, aged 78, Alan John Edden C.M.G., of 7 Eden Gardens, 77 Marriott Road, Durban, South Africa and formerly of H.M. Diplomatic Service. Much loved husband of Paula, father of John and father-in-law of Patsy.

FINLINSON - On August 16th 1991, peacefully in hospital, Maurice Henry, aged 87 years, of Whittlesford, Cambs., husband of the late Amy Finlinson. Funeral at Slough Crematorium on Wednesday August 28th at 12 noon. Funeral Directors David Silvey & Co., High Wycombe. (0494) 529193.

FITZPATRICK - On August 19th peacefully at Oakhaven Hospice, Lymington, Bettina Jeanne (Betty), aged 75. Dearly loved and loving wife of John, sadly missed by her sisters Patty and Helen and by her brother-in-law Robin, cousins, nephews and nieces. Private cremation. Family flowers only, but donations if desired to Oakhaven Hospice. Thanksgiving Service at St Thomas' Church, Lymington, at 11 am on Tuesday August 27th.

FLEMING - On August 14th, Lady Francesca Caroline Georgina Acheson, in Santa Barbara, California, wife of David Fleming, loving mother of Alexander and sister of the Earl of Gosford.

GLASON - On August 17th 1991, peacefully at Felixstowe, Suffolk, Keturah Pearl, aged 69 years, formerly of Kettlethorpe. Much loved wife of the late Denis, loving mother of Charles and William. Funeral Service private. Enquiries to Gordon Rodwell Funeral Directors, 79 St Andrews Road, Felixstowe. tel: (0394) 284144.

MATHER-JACKSON - On August 19th 1991, peacefully, Mary, aged 94, much loved widow of Sir Anthony Henry Mather-Jackson Bt., of Archway House, Kirklington, Nottinghamshire and beloved mother of Angela, Elizabeth and Sarah. Funeral at St Swithun's Church, Kirklington, at 2.30 pm on Tuesday August 27th.

DEATHS

NEWMAN - On August 15th 1991, in Hove, Sussex, Josephine, dearly loved wife of Ernest and mother of Catherine and Paul, grandmother of their families and cherished friend to many. Mass and cremation at 3.30 pm on Friday August 23rd. Funeral Director: Mr Jones at Kenyons on 071-957 0767

NORRIS - On August 12th, suddenly on the QE2, John, aged 70 years. Much loved husband of Anne and dear father of Jonathan and Toby. Funeral Service at St Mary Magdalene Church, Mariners Drive, Stoke Bishop, Bristol, on Wednesday August 28th at 2.30 pm, followed by interment at Canford Cemetery. Flowers to Burnell Tovey Ltd. Funeral Directors, 13 Bedminster Parade, Bedminster, Bristol.

PARKS - On August 16th 1991, at the North Devon District Hospital, in Barnstaple, Edmund Joseph, aged 79 years, of Barnstaple, North Devon, beloved husband of the late Joyce Parks, much loved father of Mary and brother of Evelyn. Funeral Service at Fremington Parish Church on Wednesday August 28th at 11.30 am. Family flowers only but donations, if desired, may be given at the Church or sent to J Westacott & Son Funeral Directors, 2A West Street, South Molton, North Devon for the North Devon Hospice Trust.

ROBERTS - On August 19th, at Penrith, Kirsty, aged 76 years, beloved wife of Gerry, dear mother of Paul, David and Alison and a much loved grandma. Service at All Saints Church, Watermillock on Friday August 23rd at 10 am, followed by cremation at Carlisle. Family flowers only. Donations, if desired, to Oxfam.

STEVENSON - On August 17th, Rowena. Funeral Service at Eastbourne Crematorium on Thursday August 29th at 3.30 pm.

WALLACE - On August 18th, peacefully at Ashley Park, West Cowdon, Surrey, in her 97th year, Eileen (née Wilkin) of Bournebal, Smyrna, widow of Duncan Wallace of Alexandria, Egypt, mother of Ian and Rosemary and grandmother of Carolyn. Funeral Service at Guildford Crematorium on Tuesday August 27th at 12 noon. No flowers please but donations, if desired, to R.S.P.B., The Lodge, Sandy, Beds.

WENTWORTH-STANLEY - On August 19th, peacefully at home after a long illness, Charles Wroughton, beloved husband of Sonia and father of Richard, Jeremy and Henrietta and devoted grandfather. Funeral on Wednesday August 28th at 2pm, St James', High Wych, followed by private cremation. Family flowers only. Donations, if desired, to The Hertfordshire Society for the Blind and The Motor Neurone Association c/o Daniel Robinson & Sons Funeral Directors, 3 Bullfields, Sawbridgeworth, Herts., tel: (0279) 722476.

WOOD - On July 22nd 1991, James Fenton, at Estancia Huechahue, Argentina. He will be greatly missed by family and friends.

YAKE - On August 18th 1991, peacefully in Central Middlesex Hospital, Isobel, aged 66 years. Funeral Service to be held on Friday August 23rd at St Augustine's Church, Queensgate at 11 am, followed by interment at North Sheen Cemetery. Family flowers only please but donations, if desired, to Cancer Research Campaign c/o J.W. Marcham & Son, 55 Wood Street, Wallingford, Oxon. OX10 0AY. tel: 0491-36145.

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A list of names and addresses of the above Company's Creditors can be inspected at the offices of Leonard Curtis & Associates, 20 New Road, Brighton, East Sussex, BN1 1UF, between the hours of 10.00 am and 4.00 pm on the two business days preceding the Meeting of Creditors.
Dated the 9th day of August 1991
PHILIP WILLIAMS
Director

INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
No. 4354 of 1991
IN COMPULSORY LIQUIDATION
DOLPHIN DRY CLEANERS (A FIRM)
of 79/81 Lupus Street, London SW1V 3EN
I, Malcolm John London of Clark Gully, Shelley House, 3 Noble Street, London EC2V 7DQ HEREBY GIVE NOTICE that I have been duly appointed Liquidator of the above named partnership and my appointment was duly certified by the Official Receiver on 24 July 1991.
All persons having in their possession any of the assets of the partnership must deliver them to me, and all debts due to the partnership must be paid to me.
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Dated this 14th day of August 1991
Malcolm John London
Liquidator

IN THE MATTER OF SARA (U/K) LIMITED
AND
IN THE MATTER OF THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
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J. C. HEATH
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Curzon Phoenix (071-240 9661).

NAKED TANGO (18): Vice, depravity and tango dancing in 1920s Buenos Aires. Hollow stylistic exercise from writer-director Leonard Schrader. Starring Mathilda May, Vincent D'Onofrio.
Cannons: Chelsea (071-352 5096) Piccadilly (071-437 3561) Tottenham Court Road (071-636 6148) Odeon Kensington (0426 914666) Warner (071-439 0791).

PARIS TROUT (18): Dennis Hopper's redneck Southern racist stands accused of murder. Powerful, atmospheric drama from Pete Dexter's novel. With Barbara Hershey, Ed Harris; director, Stephen Gyllenhaal.
Cannon Fulham Road (071-370 2636) Curzon West End (071-439 4805) Screen on the Hill (071-435 3366).

◆ TERMINATOR 2: JUDGMENT DAY (15): Good robot Arnold Schwarzenegger battles bad robot Robert Patrick. A fine showpiece for special effects, but the humans get short shrift. Director, James Cameron; with Linda Hamilton.
Camden Parkway (071-267 7034) Cannon Chelsea (071-352 5096) Odeons: Leicester Square (071-930 6111) Kensington (0426 914666) Swiss Cottage (071-722 5805) Whiteleys (071-792 3324).

TRULY, MADLY, DEEPLY (PG): Grieving Juliet Stevenson wills her late boyfriend (Alan Rickman) back to life. Endearingly humane drama; a directing debut for playwright Anthony Minghella.
Lumière (071-636 0691).

☑ THE BOYS FROM SYRACUSE: Rodgers and Hart musical based on The Comedy of Errors abulliently played with fab costumes.
Open Air, Regent's Park, NW1 (071-486 2431). Tonight-Fri, 8pm, mat today, 2.30pm. 150mins.

☐ THE CARETAKER: Donald Pleasence in Pinter's classic tussle between a tramp and two brothers. Comedy, Panton Street, SW1 (071-867 1045). Mon-Fri, 8pm, Sat, 8.15pm, mats Wed, 3pm, Sat, 5pm. 135mins.

☐ CARMEN JONES: Classy production of the Hammerstein/Bizet all-black musical, packed with pizzazz.
Old Vic, Waterloo Road, SE1 (071-928 7616). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mats Wed, Sat, 3pm. 165mins.

☐ COMEDY OF ERRORS: Desmond Barrit plays both twins in high-spirited production, part Disney-part Dali.
Barbican, Silk Street, EC2 (071-638 8891). Tonight, tomorrow, 7.30pm, mat tomorrow, 2pm. 160mins.

☑ THE COUP: Norman Beaton as a deposed president in Mustapha Matura's quirky study of Trinidad politics.
National (Cottesloe), South Bank, SE1 (071-928 2252). Tonight, 7.30pm. 145mins.

☐ DANCING AT LUGHNASA: Brian Friel's Olivier Award-winning memory-play set in 1930s Donegal.
Phoenix, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (071-867 1044). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Thurs, 3pm, Sat, 4pm. 150mins.

☐ DICKENS' WOMEN: Spirited, skilful tour of the funny, the fey and the gargoyles by Miriam Margolyes.
Duke of York's, St Martin's Lane, WC2 (071-836 5122). Tues-Sat, 8pm, mats 4pm, Sun, 3pm. 120mins.

☐ DON'T DRESS FOR DINNER: Simon Cadell in average, French-bootlaced farce.
Apollo, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (071-437 2663). Mon-Fri, 8pm, Sat, 8.30pm, mats Wed, 3pm, Sat, 5pm. 135mins.

■ JOSEPH AND THE AMAZING TECHNICOLOR DREAMCOAT: Jason Donovan sports a golden wig for this gaudy, brash revival.
Palladium, Argyll Street, W1 (071-494 5087). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed, Sat, 2.30pm. 135mins.

☐ THE PHILANTHROPIST: Captivating performance by Edward Fox in Christopher Hampton's comedy.
Wyndham's, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (071-867 1116). Mon-Fri, 8pm, Sat, 8.30pm, mats Thurs, 3pm, Sat, 5pm.

☑ THE RESISTIBLE RISE OF ARTURO UI: Emphatically menacing "Hitler" portrait by Antony Sher in Di Trevis's strong production of Brecht.
National (Olivier) (as left). Tonight-Sat, 7.15pm, mat Sat, 2pm. 170mins.

☐ RICHARD III: Olivier Award-winner Ian McKellen as the chilling dictator in a Thirties setting.
National (Lyttelton) (as left). Today, 1pm and 7pm. 210mins.

☐ THE ROSE TATTOO: Julie Walters in Tennessee Williams's heated but joyful celebration of sex.
Playhouse, Northumberland Avenue, WC2 (071-839 4401). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mats Wed, Sat, 3pm. 160mins.

☐ 70, GIRLS, 70: Irresistible Dora Bryan leads the cast of apparent 70-year-olds in a genial Kander & Ebb musical.
Vaudeville, Strand, WC2 (071-836 9987). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed, Sat, 2.30pm. 120mins.

☐ SILLY COW: Ben Elton's awkward collection of one-liners, centred on Helen Atkinson-Wood as a tabloid journo.
Theatre Royal, Haymarket, SW1 (071-930 8800). Mon-Thurs, 8pm, Fri, Sat, 5.30pm and 8.45pm. 130mins.

☐ THUNDERBIRDS F.A.B. — THE NEXT GENERATION: Cult stage version of cult television show performed by two actors wearing spaceship hats.
Mermaid Theatre, Queen Victoria Street, EC4 (071-410 0000). Mon-Fri, 8.30pm, Fri, Sat, 7pm and 9pm. 90mins.

☑ A TRIBUTE TO THE BLUES BROTHERS: Lively parade of tuneful oldies. Good fun.
Whitehall, Whitehall, SW1 (071-867 1119). Mon-Thurs, 8.15pm, Fri, Sat, 6.15pm and 9pm. 120mins.

■ TROILUS AND CRESSIDA: Top-quality production by Sam Mendes of the bard's caustic vision of love and war.
The Pit, Barbican (as left). Tonight, tomorrow, 7.30pm, mat tomorrow, 2pm. 210mins.

☑ UNCLE VANYA: Peter Egan and Richard Briers in stirring production of Chekhov by Renaissance Theatre Co.
Lyric Hammersmith, King Street, W6 (081-741 2311). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mats Wed, 2.30pm, Sat, 4pm. 130mins.

☐ WHEN SHE DANCED: Vanessa Redgrave unforgettable in Sherman's artful play about Isadora Duncan and the hazards of communication.
Globe, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (071-494 5085). Mon-Sat 8pm, mats Wed, Sat, 3pm. 135mins.

LONG RUNNERS: ☐ Aspects of Love: Prince of Wales (071-839 5972) . . . ☐ Blood Brothers: Albery (071-867 1116) . . . ☐ Buddy: Victoria Palace (071-834 1317). . . ☑ Cats: New London (071-405 0072) . . . ☑ Five Guys Named Moe: Lyric (071-494 5045) ☐ Me and My Girl: Adelphi (071-836 7611) . . . ■ Les Misérables: Palace (071-434 0909) . . . ■ Miss Saigon: Theatre Royal, Drury Lane (071-836 8108) . . . ☐ The Mousetrap: St Martin's (071-836 1443) . . . ■ The Phantom of the Opera: Her Majesty's (071-839 2244) . . . ☐ Return to the Forbidden Planet: Cambridge (071-379 5299) . . . ☐ Run For Your Wife: Duchess (071-836 8243) . . . ☑ Starlight Express: Apollo Victoria (071-828 8665) . . . ☐ The Woman In Black: Fortune (071-836 2238).

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CINEMA GUIDE

Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol ◆) on release across the country.

CURRENT

AFTER DARK, MY SWEET (18): Tormented drifter (Jason Patric) wanders into a kidnapping plot. Atmospheric thriller (from a Jim Thompson novel); director, James Foley.
Camden Plaza (071-485 2443) Cannon Tottenham Court Road (071-636 6148) Gate (071-727 4043).

◆ EDWARD SCISSORHANDS (PG): Tim Burton's captivating fantasy about a boy with scissors for hands at large in American suburbia. With Johnny Depp, Dianne Wiest, Winona Ryder.
Cannons: Chelsea (071-352 5096) Haymarket (071-839 1527) Tottenham Court Road (071-636 6148) Odeons: Kensington (071-602 6644) Prince Charles (071-437 8181) Whiteleys (071-792 3303).

HENRY: PORTRAIT OF A SERIAL KILLER (18): Devastating, fly-on-the-wall study of human depravity in Chicago.
Director, John McNaughton.
Cannon Panton Street (071-930 0631) Metro (071-437 0757).

◆ IN BED WITH MADONNA (18): Exhilarating, eye-opening portrait, shot during her 1990 world tour. Director, Alek Keshishian.
Cannons: Chelsea (071-352 5096) Haymarket (071-839 1527) Odeons: Kensington (0426 914666) Mezzanine (071-839 1929) Swiss Cottage (071-722 5805).

◆ THE NAKED GUN 2½ — THE SMELL OF FEAR (12): Leslie Nielsen returns as accident-prone Lt Frank Drebin. Riotous dead-pan comedy. With Priscilla Presley; directed by David Zucker.
Cannons: Baker Street (071-935 9772) Fulham Road (071-370 2636) Empire (071-437 9999) Plaza (071-437 9999).

RECOLLECTIONS OF THE YELLOW HOUSE (15): Dostoevsky meets Portuguese surrealism in João César Monteiro's slow, hypnotic oddity, featuring the director as a scraggy, libidinous nonconformist.
Renoir (071-837 8402).

◆ TEENAGE MUTANT NINJA TURTLES II: THE SECRET OF THE OOZE (PG): Live-action Turtles fighting evil in New York, though with less violent frenzy than before. Action-packed for youngsters; director, Michael Pressman.
Cannons: Chelsea (071-352 5096) Oxford Street (071-636 0310) Panton Street (071-930 0631) Odeons: Kensington (071-602 6644) Mezzanine (071-839 1929) Swiss Cottage (071-586 3057) Plaza (071-437 1234) Whiteleys (071-792 3303).

◆ THELMA & LOUISE (15): Distaff road movie with Geena Davis and Susan Sarandon fleeing through the American South-West. Bracing adventure from director Ridley Scott.
Barbican (071-638 8891) Cannons: Fulham Road (071-370 2636) Shaftesbury Avenue (071-836 8861) Notting Hill Coronet (071-727 6705) Plaza (071-437 9999) Screen on Baker Street (071-935 2772) Screen on the Green (071-226 3520) Whiteleys (071-792 3324).

THEATRE GUIDE

Jeremy Kingston's assessment of current theatre in London
■ House full, returns only
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Hollow hymn turns to pop

DAVID HUTCHISON

THEATRE

Baal
St Bride's

EDINBURGH FESTIVAL

SOMETIME in the next half century, Bertolt Brecht will slip into his final place in the history of drama, as a footnote in the biography of Kurt Weill. Till then such energetic companies as the National Theatre of Martin, a historic and culturally buzzing town in Central Slovakia, will go on stage in plays from the Brecht corpus. These are plays whose contradictions are elevated by admirers into evidence of the master's subtlety instead of being used to point to his economy of thought and feeling.

Into the hero of his first play, Brecht poured his contempt for the sentimental depiction of artists then prevalent. With his heathen name, Baal reels drunkenly through life, spouting poetry at the moon, groping women, making them pregnant and leaving them to kill themselves.

As this outline makes clear, Brecht's Baal is a self-portrait. What he intended audiences to make of it is anybody's guess: possibly he wanted to shock the Bavarian bourgeoisie with his statement that an artist's way of life does not cancel his artistic sensibility. Since stating such a notion is not the same as establishing it, producers of *Baal* have to find some way of persuading an audience that the hero truly possesses poetic gifts and that women will be magnetised by him.



Slovak Matej Landl's pop-star Baal: a forceful, athletic portrayal of the self-destructive artist at work

Roman Polak hits on a solution that a 1991 Brecht might well have chosen: making Matej Landl's Baal a pop-singer. Polak puts the end of the play at the beginning, so Landl is first seen clambering out of a roughly carpentered coffin, wearing shades and a scowl, to fling himself into the opening hymn to self-destruction. Floozies wheel on a grand piano and the boozing and groping begins.

Landl's performance is an athletic *tour de force*, a whirling dervish in his flapping greatcoat, flinging objects out of his path or freezing his body into Expressionist gestures.

The mood of individual quest is sustained by Jozef Ciller's gaunt designs, where seldom more than one object is outlined against the black drapes. Richard Müller's clanking, hypnotic music sounds like the approaching feet of another heathenish hero, Frankenstein's monster.

But the ambiguity of the text is made still more bewildering by Polak's attempt to make the play his own. Baal's friend Ekart (Milan Bahul) becomes some sort of guardian angel, almost an emissary from Valhalla: he calls up, or rather down, one of Baal's victims, who descends a fire escape in a floating shroud and sends the hero into agonies of remorse. Picturesque the production is, but the play remains as hollow as ever.

JEREMY KINGSTON

THEATRE

Life Support/ Lipstick Tango
Traverse

EDINBURGH FESTIVAL

THE creators and casts of both of these performances consist largely of graduates of Jacques Lecoq's school of acting, mime and movement in Paris. Anybody who saw the Théâtre de Complicité at the National in Dürrenmatt's *The Visit* last spring will know what that means. Physical energy, volatility and inventiveness are there in abundance; but not at the expense of character, story or respect for the text. At best, traditionally un-English virtues contrive to co-exist with traditionally English ones.

The lesser effort first. *Life Support* is a kind of surreal *Casualty*, a series of sketches about hospital life stitched together by a group which calls itself La Compagnie du Parti-Paris. At the centre is an NHS bed, whose occupant is successively shocked into a heart attack by an intruder desperate for a long-postponed operation, poisoned by a dull husband, and played Elvis records by a lover on the off-chance these will bounce her out of a coma. Occasionally a surgeon stomps on-stage, offhandedly muttering "sure goner, sure goner" or some such to a distraught-looking nurse. The material is generally weaker than the performers; but Leah Fletcher, Suzy Mitchell, Philippe Peychaud and (especially) Toby Jones are lively enough to disguise the want of purpose.

They move to London's White Bear on September 3, the same day the much more interesting *Lipstick Tango* arrives at the Warehouse, Croydon. This is an amalgam of *Betrayed by Rita Hayworth* and *Heartbreak Tango*, two novels by the late Manuel Puig, best known here for his *Kiss of the Spiderwoman*. I cannot have been the only spectator who wished the adaptor and the director, Katie Campbell and Sarah Harper, had made a few more concessions to narrative clarity. With most of the cast hopping from role to role in micro-seconds, it takes time and effort to register the basics. For example, who is Bella Enahoro, and when is she playing someone called Celina, and when is she Mabel? And what have these characters to do with Matthew Hemsley's Inés Carlos?

Yet they and their fellow members of Buster Theatre bring such unaffected skill to the business of role-playing and role-hopping that doubts eventually cede to almost unreserved admiration. Carlos arrogantly uses and misuses his women. A maid is seduced and abandoned by the gardener, gives birth to his child, and stalks him with a kitchen knife. The two stories weave, twist and merge to the sound of the accordion and the occasional tango, creating a feel of heat and dust, long, slow afternoons and sudden, brutish bursts of eroticism. By the end, Lecoq's former students have brought their seedy South America brilliantly to life.

BENEDICT NIGHTINGALE

PROMS

Highlights
Albert Hall/Radio 3

LEONARD Slatkin eloquently pointed out in the illustrated introduction to his performance that what the Philharmonia Orchestra was doing to Mussorgsky's *Pictures at an Exhibition* in its Prom on Monday — playing each picture in an orchestration by a different composer — was the antithesis of authenticity. Actually, it was no such thing, but rather a vivid demonstration that because music is not a solid artefact like a piece of furniture, the concept of authenticity does not, and cannot, apply except in the realm of electronics when creation and performance can be one and the same act. No two interpretations ever coincide, and orchestration is only another aspect of interpretation.

So even if the nine arrangers of Mussorgsky's bewitching trail around Hartmann's exhibition saw different colours and different emphases implied in the original piano score, they responded with sympathy and imaginative insight to the spirit of the original. As Slatkin said about "Il vecchio castello", can we really claim that Ravel's saxophone better evokes an atmosphere than Sergey Petrovich Gorchakov's muted trumpet?

Gorchakov's assignment of the poor jew's babbling in "Samuel Goldenberg and Schmuyle" to the rather lugubrious soprano saxophone, rather than Ravel's more pinched muted trumpet, suggested a deliberate reversal of roles by the Russian, though again his solution works equally well. Only with Sir Henry Wood's "Bydlo" — which has an extended introduction, takes liberties with dynamics, and is perhaps a touch overscored — did I feel that the test of empathy had perhaps not been passed, though that was not the case with his highly coloured version of "Cum mortuis in lingua mortua". Stokowski's "Catacombs", Lucien Caillet's "Ballad of the Unhatched Chicks", Mikhail Tushmalov's "Limoges: the Market", Leonidas Leonardi's "Tuileries", Vladimir Ashkenazy's "Gnomus" and Lawrence Leonard's opening "Promenade" (horns, trumpets and bells at the opening rather than Ravel's solo trumpet) all made equally good sense, though it was only right that the cycle should be crowned with Ravel's "The Great Gate of Kiev".



Slatkin: strong, purposeful direction

The Philharmonia played the compound work with a polished swagger. Earlier Slatkin had directed them in a strong and purposeful account, with Emanuel Ax as the clear-sighted but aptly heroic soloist, of Brahms's First Piano Concerto.

Moura Lympany showed another side of the pianist's art in her reading of Mendelssohn's dramatic and brilliant First Piano Concerto in the Royal Scottish National Orchestra's excellently played Prom on Saturday. She remains fluent-fingered even at 75 (her birthday was the following day); her touch is as exquisite as anybody's, her sense of poetry is utterly beguiling, and her relish of the dashing virtuosity of this work's finale fairly took one's breath away.

In the same concert, Sir Alexander Gibson directed a taut, highly charged reading of Rachmaninov's Second Symphony in his physically understated way, managing to maintain dramatic momentum where so many others fail. The opening piece was Martin Dalby's *The Mary Beam*, one of this year's BBC commissions, which was inspired by David Thomson's book, *The People of the Sea*. Usually one would begin a report such as this with an examination of a new piece, but this work, while competently crafted, elegantly shaped and suffused with some lovely lyrical ideas imaginatively orchestrated, makes no attempt to, as it were, be important or especially original.

Providing good, solid music for use rather than for posterity, as in the 18th century, is an admirable thing to do, though in the case of Janet Owen Thomas's *Rosaces*, whose UK premiere was given by Kevin Bowyer at the start of his early evening organ recital on Monday, the solidity of the music is more open to question. This was really a derivative essay in effects, the rhetoric perhaps hiding a fundamental lack of substance. It was, though, easier to grasp than Brian Ferneyhough's densely modernist *Sieben Sterne* (1974), which suffered, like so much organ music, from the instrument's inability to respond to varying pressures on the key. Meanwhile Bowyer registered Bach's "Dorian" Toccata and Fugue with grotesque over-indulgence.

The previous evening, Robert King directed the period-style instruments of The King's Consort in a lovely programme which began with a lithe performance of Purcell's 1692 *Ode for St Cecilia's Day* (with James Bowman outstanding in a team of soloists that also included Gillian Fisher, Rogers Covey-Crump, Charles Daniels, Michael George and Stephen Varcoe). The evening continued with the vivid nautical images of Telemann's *Wassermusik: Hamburger Ebb' und Fluth*, and ended in the splendour of Handel's *Music for the Royal Fireworks*. This last work was given with the numbers which attended that piece's first performance in 1749 — nine trumpets, nine horns, twelve bassoons, twenty-four oboes, three pairs of timpani, some "double-drums" (here simply a larger pair of timpani) and an array of side drums. Most music-lovers would perhaps call such a performance authentic (even though we were indoors rather than out); I would simply call it good fun, perfect for the end of a weekend Prom.

STEPHEN PETTITT

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EDINBURGH FESTIVAL

BOLSHOI OPERA: The opening night of the company's festival season brings the British premiere of a new production of Tchaikovsky's opera *Eugene Onegin*. Alexander Lazarev conducts.
Playhouse Theatre, Greenside Place, 7pm.

NATIONAL BALLET OF CUBA: Cuba's top ballet company, led by veteran ballerina Alicia Alonso, in a triple bill of works comprising *The House of Bernarda Alba*, *Las Sylphides*, and Alonso's ballet *Dido Abandonada* (in which she dances).
King's Theatre, Leven Street, 7.30pm; also August 23, 25.

THE ROOTS OF JAZZ AND BLUES: Leon Redbone, The Rebirth Brass Band from New Orleans, Oliver Jones and Scott Hamilton are among many big names in this gala concert.
Usher Hall, Lothian Road, 8pm.

TWO PIANOS: A two-piano recital by Peter Donohoe and Martin Roscoe, performing works by Stravinsky, Debussy and Rachmaninov.
Queen's Hall, South Clerk Street, 11am.

THE BEST OF MUMMENSCHANZ: An engaging and humorous show from the Swiss company, blending mime, dance and puppetry. Final performances.
Empire Theatre, Nicolson Street, 2.30pm and 7.30pm.
Edinburgh International Festival Box Office: 031-225 5756.

EDINBURGH FRINGE

CYNTHIA PAYNE AT HOME: The Streatham madam — portrayed by Julie Walters in the film *Personal Services* — turns raconteuse in a one-woman show, loosely scripted in the first half and with audience questions after the interval.
Pleasance Theatre, 60 The Pleasance, 4.30pm, until August 31.

TODAY'S EVENTS

TELLING TALES THEATRE COMPANY: The Fifties murder case of Derek Bentley is the subject of a new drama, by theatre group Telling Tales, and film by director Peter Medak entitled *Let Him Have It* (which receives its first showing tonight).
Acoustic Music Centre (Telling Tales), 16 Chambers Street, tonight-Fri, 12.30pm, Cameo 1 (*Let Him Have It*), 28 Home Street, 8.45pm.

BILL HICKS: American comedians seem to be topping the bill this year, and Hicks with his tough, scathing style is a good example.
Dream Tent, Middle Meadow Walk, 10.15pm, until August 31.

THE KOSH: Final performances of *Dinner Dance*, the group's latest mixed media work, dealing with containment and confinement.
Music Hall, Assembly Rooms, George Square, tonight, tomorrow, midday; Fri, Sat, midday and 3.15pm.
Edinburgh Festival Fringe Box Office: 031-226 5257/5258.

ELSEWHERE

BBC PROMS: The BBC Symphony Orchestra under Lothar Zagrosek is joined by mezzo-soprano Mary King for Brian Elias's *Five Songs to Poems by Irina Ratushinskaya*, flanked by Haydn's Symphony No 47 in G major, and Brahms's First Symphony.
Albert Hall, Kensington Gore, London SW7 (071-823 9998), 7pm.

THE FAUVE LANDSCAPE: A show dedicated to a short period in the history of 20th century art when colour was used by a group of French avant-garde artists to express a response to nature. Matisse is considered to be the leading luminary of the circle and is well represented in the show, as are Derain and Braque.
Sackler Galleries, Royal Academy of Arts, Piccadilly, London W1 (071-439 7438), 10am-6pm, until September 1.

SNAPE PROMS: Percussionist and composer Tan Dun recreates traditional sounds of his native China in *Soundshape*, premiered at Snape prior to its Edinburgh International Festival performances.
Snape Concert Hall, Aldeburgh, Suffolk (0728 453543), 7.30pm.

HENRY VIII AT GREENWICH: This grand show commemorating the 500th anniversary of Henry VIII's birth presents a radically different view of the king from that of rollicking, coarse buffoon. The show's creator, Dr David Starkey, salvages the monarch's reputation as scholar, poet, musician and lover of Renaissance culture.
National Maritime Museum, Greenwich, London SE10 (081-858 4422), 10am-6pm, until September 1.

FINE WORDS, FINE BOOKS: Designer Bookbinders and the Society of Scribes and Illuminators combine forces for a show of hand-written, hand-bound books.
St Paul's Cathedral Crypt, London EC4 (071-248 2705), 9am-5pm, until August 31.

SIMPLE MINDS: Second of three stadium concerts, supported by Irish band An Emotional Fish.
Wembley Arena, Wembley, Middlesex (081-900 1234), 7.30pm.

BRAND: Ibsen's play, in a new translation by Glasgow Citizens director Robert MacDonald, directed by Roger Williams, and with Roy Marsden in the leading role, begins previews. The production officially opens next Tuesday.
Aldwych, The Aldwych, London WC2 (071-836 6404), 7.45pm.

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SIRGANG
(a) A green Asiatic jay-like bird, probably from its native name: "Through the jungle ahead of them rang the eldritch screams and chuckles of the sirgang, warning everything that they were coming."

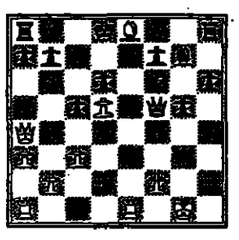
DEVANAGARI
(c) The script of Sanskrit, from the Sanskrit *déva* of or pertaining to the gods + *nagari* town-script: "We may apply our present alphabet so as to equal the devanagari itself in precision and clearness."

CRONET
(c) The hair growing over the top of the horse's hoof, a syncopated form of *coronet*: "He hath four veins about the cronets of his hoofs called the cronet veins."

CRISPIN
(c) A shoemaker, from *Crispin* of Soissons, the patron saint of shoemakers, martyred October, 25, 287: "What a pretty set of tradesmen should we have if gentle crispin was appointed to teach the art and mystery of basket-making."

By Raymond Keene, Chess Correspondent

Today's position is from the game Augustin — Lanc, Brno 1975. White has caught the black king in the centre of the board and now sets black unanswerable problems. Can you see how?



Solution: 1 Rb6! and the threat of 2 Qd7 mate is decisive

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6.30 **BBC Breakfast News**
9.05 **Around the World With Willy Fog.** Cartoon (r) **9.35 Why Don't You . . . ?** *At the beach* (r) **10.00 News,** regional news and weather **10.05 Playdays** (r) **10.25 The Muppet Babies.** Cartoon (r) **11.00 News,** regional news and weather
11.05 **Junior Pot Black.** Northern Ireland's Gary Crawford and Lee Walker of Wales compete for the *Junior Pot Black* trophy. Introduced by Eamonn Holmes
11.30 **Living on the Land.** George Lane Fox is the landlord of Bramham Park, an estate in Yorkshire (r)
11.55 **The History Man: Wymondham Abbey.** Bryan McNerney visits the 15th century church in Norfolk **12.00 News,** regional news and weather
12.05 **The Garden Party.** Families from Poland, the Ukraine and Lithuania reveal how they are keeping their culture alive in Britain. Presented by Debbie Greenwood, Paul Coia and Denis Tuohy **12.55** Regional news and weather
1.00 **One O'Clock News.** Weather
1.30 **Neighbours.** (Ceefax)
1.50 **Macgregor's Scotland: Portpatrick to Glen Trool.** *The first of a* repeated series of six programmes in which Jimmie Macgregor walks across the Southern Upland Way
2.00 **Knots Landing: The Ties that Bind.** Mack (Kevin Dobson) panics when baby Meg falls ill
3.10 **Jim Fixed It.** Jimmy Savile introduces one of his favourite *Jim'll Fix It* programmes in which ten-year-old snooker player, Simon Fricker, takes on Steve Davis (r). (Ceefax)
3.45 **Cartoon: The Raisins Sold Out.** The fruity soul singers sign a contract with an unscrupulous lima-bean
4.10 **Children's BBC: Rupert: Rupert and the Bright Spark.** Cartoon with the lovable bear (r) **4.15 Yogi's Treasure Hunt: Yogi and the Beanstalk.** Cartoon **4.35 Mozart in London.** Second of three programmes marking the Mozart bicentenary. In this drama documentary, the young Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart arrives in London in April 1764. Ten-year-old Andrew Greenfield arrives at the Royal Opera House, Covent Garden, in 1990. Each undergoes a musical test. (Ceefax) **5.00 Newsround 5.10 The Bertons: *Beautiful Beetroot.*** *Ninth of an 11-part children's drama* (r)
5.35 **Neighbours** (r). (Ceefax). Northern Ireland: Sportswide; 5.40 Inside Ulster
6.00 **Six O'Clock News** with Anna Ford and Andrew Harvey. Weather
6.30 **Regional news magazines** Northern Ireland: Neighbours (r). (Ceefax)



Alan Alda takes time out to talk to Terry Wogan (7.00pm)

7.00 **Wogan.** *Terry is joined in the studio by the American actor and* director Alan Alda and footballer Paul Gascoigne. Music is provided by Julian Lennon
7.30 **Come Dancing '91: Birmingham v London South.** Angela Rippon and Charles Nove introduce the first semi-final from the Tower Ballroom in Blackpool, with musical accompaniment by the Andy Ross Orchestra. Cabaret is provided by Marcus and Karen Hilton, the world professional modern champions, who demonstrate the tango and the waltz
8.00 **Bergerac: *The Messenger Boy.*** The Jersey-based detective (John Nettles) travels to London to help a friend whose daughter *has been kidnapped* (r). *(Ceefax)*
8.50 **Points of View** with Anne Robinson
9.00 **Nine O'Clock News** with Michael Buerk. Regional news and weather
9.30 **Film: A Death in California** (1985). Concluding the two-part dramatisation of a harrowing true story. Hope Masters (Cheryl Ladd) is arrested for her fiancé's murder. She remains under the influence of the psychopath Bradley Tyler (Sam Elliott) and, despite police suspicion as to his guilt, is unwilling to implicate him in the crime
11.00 **Spenser for Hire: The Long Hunt.** American detective series, *starring* Robert Urich
11.50 **Weather**

BBC 2

6.45 *Open University: Computing — Data and Data 7.10 Energy* Resources — Uranium. Ends at **7.35**
8.00 **News**
8.15 **BC: The Archaeology of the Bible Lands: The End of the Old.** Magnus Magnusson presents the last in the series (r)
8.45 **Past and Present Preserved.** A visit to the Jewish Historical museum in the former Jewish quarter of Amsterdam (r)
9.00 **Seventy Summers: The Story of a Farm — Early Days.** Tony Harman recalls Grove Farm in Buckinghamshire in the Thirties
9.30 **Film: George in Civvy Street** (1946, b/w). Comedy starring George Formby, who returns from the army to find that he has a rival for *his girlfriend's affections. Formby's last film and one of his* weakest. Directed by Marcel Varnel
10.45 **Film: *Tarzan Finds a Son!*** (1939, b/w). *Tarzan and Jane adopt a* baby boy, the sole survivor of a plane crash. Starring Johnny Weissmuller and Maureen O'Sullivan. Directed by Richard Thorpe
12.05 **Look, Stranger: A Good Job With Prospects.** Comparing the life of a thatcher in the past and the present (r)
12.30 **Discoveries: The Cook Legacy** (r) **1.20 Mr Benn.** Cartoon (r)
1.35 **Country File.** John Craven with the latest rural issues (r)
2.00 **News** and weather followed by **Seven Ages: A Different Kind of Adventure.** Ronald Eyre explores life at 80 and over (r). (Ceefax)
3.00 **News** and weather followed by ***How Could She?*** *What makes a* mother leave her children? (r). (Ceefax)
3.45 **The Tanner and the Hatmaker.** *The photographer John Darwell* at work (r)
3.50 **News** and weather. Regional news and weather
4.00 **Byways: The Icknield Way.** Tony Gregory follows the route taken by the first world war poet Edward Thomas along one of Britain's oldest roads
4.30 **Holiday Outings: France — Horse Riding.** Victoria Studd canters around the *Corbières region of southwest France*
4.35 **Film: The Chiltern Hundreds** (1949, b/w). Effective transcription of William Douglas Home's stage comedy about a dotty earl (A.E. Matthews) and his son (David Tomlinson), who stands as a Labour candidate but is defeated by the butler (Cecil Parker). Directed by John Paddy Carstairs
6.00 **Star Trek — The Next Generation: Samaritan Snare.** The continuing space adventures of the *USS Enterprise and her crew*
6.45 **Def II — Rough Guide to Careers: Rough Guide to Crime.** Raj Dhanda and Danielle Lux investigate the job alternatives in the field of law and order. Rap star Vanilla Ice lends a hand
7.25 **The British Seniors Open Golf.** Golfers aged 50 and over, including Gary Player and Arnold Palmer, compete at the Royal Lytham and St Anne's Golf Club
8.05 **Reaching for the Skies: Fighters.** Anthony Quayle narrates the eighth of an 11-part series on aviation history (r)



Unhappy family: David Jason (right) on a prison visit (9.00pm)

9.00 **ScreenPlay: Amongst Barbarians.**
● CHOICE: Michael Wall's play originated on stage at the Royal Exchange Theatre in Manchester, won the Mobil Playwriting Competition and transferred to television last year. It deserves this second showing. Wall, who died tragically young earlier this year, was a rare talent whose writing cut deep. In *Amongst Barbarians* he charts the plight of two young Britons (Lee Ross and Con O'Neill) awaiting execution in Malaysia for drug smuggling. Their families arrive to make a final attempt to save them. It is a harshly unsentimental piece in which Wall does not engage our sympathies in the expected way, and in his dissection of the *British families he presents a frightening picture of ignorance,* prejudice and lack of feeling. David Jason plays the ghastly father of one of the boys and Anne Carroll scores as the other one's brassy mother. Who are the real barbarians?
10.15 **ScreenPlay Firsts: Wendy.** A witty and perverse tale by James Doyle and Matthew Leys about a rubber-fetishist who encounters a sinister mystery woman called Wendy. With Bert Tyler-Moore and Barbara Keogh **10.30 Newsnight** with Peter Snow
11.15 **Edinburgh Nights.** A review of the *Virtue and Vision* exhibition, *which explores Scottish sculpture from 1540 to the present day*
11.55 **Weather**
12.00 ***Open University:*** *Literature in the Modern World — The Gentle* Sex? Ends at **12.30am**

ITV

9.00 **TV-am**
9.25 **Children's ITV:** Glenn Kinsey introduces **Vicky the Viking 9.50 Thames News 9.55 Short Story Theatre: Nikkolina.** An ice-skater is annoyed at missing a contest to attend a Greek wedding **10.25 Just for the Record.** Record-breaking achievements, including Australia's oldest driver and America's youngest lawyer (r) **10.50 ITN News** headlines **10.55 A Waltz Through the Hills.** Second of a five-part Australian drama about two orphans (r) **11.25 Ox Tales 11.55 Thames News 12.00** Cartoon. Goofy **12.10 Allsorts** (r)
12.30 **News** with John Suchet. Weather **1.10 Thames News** and weather
1.20 **Home and Away.** (Oracle) **1.50 A Country Practice**
2.20 **Take the High Road.** *Scottish soap set in the Highlands*
2.50 **All Clued Up.** Word game show for couples **3.15 ITN News** headlines **3.20 Thames News** headlines
3.25 **The Young Doctors.** Australian medical drama
3.55 **Children's ITV: The Wombles** (r). (Oracle) **4.05 Bangers and Mash.** Cartoon **4.15 I Can Do That!** Three children compete to be an interior designer at a top store **4.40 Rolf: Cartoon Club.** Rolf Harris compares and contrasts cell and model animation (r)
5.10 **Blockbusters.** Bob Holness hosts the general knowledge quiz for teenagers
5.40 **News** with Carol Barnes. Weather
5.55 ***Thames Help.*** *Jackie Sprackley reports on the long-term* volunteers who help people living in institutions to become independent
6.00 **Home and Away** (r). (Oracle)
6.30 **Thames News** and weather
7.00 **Busman's Holiday.** Rugby referees, Wrens and rose-breeders compete for the chance to see how their jobs are carried out in another country. (Oracle)
7.30 **Coronation Street.** (Oracle)
8.0 **Highway to Heaven: Song of Songs.** Heavenly drama series starring the late Michael Landon as a trainee angel. A pastor refuses to let a "honky-tonk" jazz musician play music in her church



It's all in the writing. . . James Randi investigates (9.00pm)

9.00 **James Randi: Psychic Investigator — Psychometry, Graphology.** In the last programme in the series, the bearded sceptic remains unconvinced that a person's character can be assessed by picking up psychic vibrations from personal possessions or by studying handwriting
9.30 **Singles: To Russia With Love.** The comedy series about four single friends bows out to the chime of wedding bells. But for whom? With Simon Cadell, Judy Loe, Eamon Boland and Susie Blake
10.00 ***News at Ten*** *with Trevor McDonald and Julia Somerville.* Weather **10.30 Thames News** and weather
10.40 **Thames Sport Special: Rumbelows Cup — First Round, First Leg.** Football highlights include the first round, first leg of the Rumbelows cup; Tottenham Hotspur versus Sparkasse Stockerau in the first leg of the preliminary round of the Cup Winners' cup in Austria; and Barclays league division one matches. Plus the latest news in the build-up to rugby union's 1991 World Cup
12.00 **Film: The Bridges at Toko-Ri** (1954). Taut war drama, based on *James Michener's bestseller. William Holden stars as a lawyer and* former second world war pilot who is recalled to active service in Korea to fight *in what he regards as a forgotten war.* Mickey Rooney provides the comic relief and Grace Kelly the glamour. Directed by Mark Robson
2.00am **World Chess Championship: Quarter Finals.** Up-to-date analysis as the action reaches the decisive stage
2.15 **Videofashion.** The latest fashion news
2.40 **America's Top Ten.** Casey Kasem counts down the ten best-selling groups of the Eighties
3.10 **Quiz Night.** Martin Roberts hosts the pub and club quiz show
3.40 ***Horse Trials: The Pedigree Super League***
4.40 **Fifty Years On** (b/w). Newsreel footage from August 1941
5.00 **Grand Ole Opry.** *Country music show from Nashville, Tennessee*
5.30 **ITN Morning News** with Anne Leuchars. Ends at **6.00**

CHANNEL 4

6.00 ***The Channel Four Daily***
9.25 **Film: Poison Pen** (1939, b/w). Flora Robson stars in a modest but *effective drama about a spate of anonymous* poison pen letters in an English village. Directed by Paul L. Stein
10.55 **Poetry Book.** David Jason reads *The Jumblies* by Edward Lear (r)
11.00 **Fragile Earth: Edward Goldsmith — the Green Revolutionary.** A profile of one of the green movement's pioneers (r)
12.00 **In Search of Scotland's Larder: Say Cheese . . .** Derek Cooper watches how cheesemakers put their surplus to good use
12.30 **Business Daily 1.00 Sesame Street.** Pre-school learning series
2.00 **Channel 4 Racing from York.** Brough Scott introduces the line up (subject to alteration): **(2.05)** Rous Selling Stakes; **(2.35)** Aston Upthorpe Yorkshire Oaks, **(3.10)** Tote Ebor Handicap, **(3.45)** Scottish Equitable Gimcrack Stakes; **(4.15)** Andy Capp Handicap
4.30 **Countdown.** Richard Whiteley hosts the words and number game
5.00 ***Laurel and Hardy.*** *Cartoon adventures* (r)
5.05 **The Oprah Winfrey Show: Parents Opposed to Medical Treatment.** Winfrey talks to parents who rely on the power of prayer, rather than medical aid, to cure their sick children
6.00 **Kate & Allie: Upstairs, Downstairs.** American sitcom about two divorcees living in New York's Greenwich Village
6.30 **eighty-something.** The twice-weekly entertainment magazine reviews the new Arnold Schwarzenegger film *Terminator 2: Judgment Day.* Presented by Ann Bryson and Maria McErlane
7.00 **Channel 4 News** with John Snow. Weather **7.50 Comment**
8.00 **Brookside.** Soap set in suburban Merseyside (Teletext)
8.30 **Check Out '91.** *The consumer affairs series investigates how* prescription drugs are monitored once they have come on to the market. And Simon Walton examines the difficulties facing Britain's paper recycling industry
9.00 **Out.**
● CHOICE: Programmes devoted to gay and lesbian issues always run the risk of failing to reach the rest of the population and *ending up preaching to the converted. Some recent items in Out* have not avoided the trap but there is more accessible fare tonight in a survey of the portrayal of lesbians on the cinema screen and of how lesbian audiences have been able to subvert the intentions of straight cinema. Films under the spotlight range from *The Killing of Sister George* to *Dracula's Daughter* and *Desert Hearts*, whose director, Donna Deitch, appears in the programme. Arguably more *interesting is the revelation of how lesbians have thrilled to Marlene* Dietrich in top hat and tails and decorated their bedroom walls with pin-ups of Sigourney Weaver in *Aliens*. The other item is a repeat of *Flames of Passion*, Richard Kwietniowski's idiosyncratic gay reworking of the Noel Coward classic, *Brief Encounter* (Teletext)



Comedy of a certain age with the Miami matrons (10.00pm)

10.00 **The Golden Girls.**
● CHOICE. The quartet of Miami matrons start their sixth series with the usual cascade of one-liners and a storyline about *Blanche's daughter having a baby by artificial insemination. Other* "controversial" topics are promised, though expectations that the sitcom format will be employed to tackle serious themes are largely dashed in tonight's episode which settles for predictable jokes about childbirth and motherhood. But if the humour stays mainly on a conventional surface, there is still much to enjoy. The writing is sharp, there are more gags per minute than most sitcoms offer in half an hour and the pace is relentless. Above all the four leading actresses, Bea Arthur, Betty White, Rue McClannahan and *Estelle Getty, continue to play beautifully as an ensemble and* show no sign of starting to outstay their welcome (Teletext)
10.30 **Clive Anderson Talks Back.** With guests Michael Heseltine, MP, and the comedian Lenny Henry (r)
11.05 **Dire Straits: Calling Elvis.** Leader Mark Knopfler talks about the rock band's first album for six years, their forthcoming tour, and the making of the video for their new single "Calling Elvis"
11.20 **Nightingales: Kiss and Make-Up.** Robert Lindsay stars in the sitcom about nightwatchmen that seldom comes to the boil (r)
11.50 **Frank's Place: Night Business.** Weak American comedy series set in a New Orleans restaurant
12.20am **Mission Eurka: The Fifth Generation.** *The European space-*drama series continues. Ends at **1.15**

ITV VARIATIONS

ANGLIA
As London except: 6.25-7.00pm Anglia News **8.00-9.00** Island Son **12.00** The Twilight Zone **12.30am** Quiz Night **1.00** America's Top Ten **1.30** Dadah Is Death **3.35** Horse Trials **4.15** Fifty Years On **4.35** Nashville Swing **5.05-5.30** Farming Diary

BORDER
As London except: 2.20-2.50pm One to One **5.10-5.40** Home and Away **6.00** Lookaround Wednesday **8.30-7.00** Blockbusters **8.00-9.00** Island Son **10.40** Soccer Night **12.00** Hardball **1.25am** Donahue **2.20** Video View **2.50** 60 Minutes **3.34** Film: Out of Duty **5.25-5.30** Jobfinder

CENTRAL
As London except: 6.25-7.00pm Central News *8.00-9.00 Magnum 10.40 Central* Sports Special **12.00** Film: The Intelligence Man **1.55am** In the Heat of the Night **2.50** 60 Minutes **3.45** Stephen King's *This Is Horror* **4.10-5.30** Central Jobfinder '91

GRAMPIAN
As London except: 5.10-5.40pm Home and Away **6.00** North Tonight **8.30-7.00** Blockbusters **8.00-9.00** Magnum **10.40** Film: The Spy Killer **12.00** Hardball **1.25am** Donahue **2.20** Video View **2.50** 60 Minutes **3.45** Film: Out of Duty **5.25-5.30** Jobfinder

GRANADA
As London except: **6.30-7.00pm** Granada Tonight **8.00-9.00** Magnum **10.40** Granada Soccer Night **12.00** *Hardball* **1.25am** Donahue **2.20** Video View **2.50** 60 Minutes **3.45** Film: Out of Duty **5.25-5.30** Jobfinder

HTV WEST
As London except: *1.50-2.20pm* The Young Doctors **3.25** A Country Practice **5.10-5.40** Home and Away **6.00** HTV News **6.30-7.00** Blockbusters **8.00-9.00** Island Son **10.40-12.00** Central Sports Special

HTV WALES
As HTV West except: **6.00-6.30pm** Wales at Six; *10.40-12.00* Top Sport

SCOTTISH
As London except: 1.50pm Blockbusters **2.20-2.50** The Sullivans **3.25-3.55** Kitchen Garden **5.10-5.40** Home and Away **6.00** Scotland Today **6.30-7.00** Taishal Mor Ostaig Lactura **8.00-9.00** Matlock **10.45** The Tall Ships **12.00** Coach **12.30am** Donahue **1.30** Kojak **2.25** Film: Sicilian Cross **4.30** Distant Signals **5.00-5.30** Jobfinder

TSW
As London except: **2.20-2.50** Graham Kerr **3.20-3.55** Home and Away **5.10-5.40** Take the High Road **6.00** TSW Today **6.30-7.00** Blockbusters **10.40** Film: Matt Helm **12.00** Hardball **1.25am** Donahue **2.20** Video View

TVS
As London except: 1.50-2.20 The Young Doctors **3.25-3.55** Sons and Daughters **5.10-5.40** *Home and Away* **6.00** *Coast to Coast* **6.30-7.00** Blockbusters **8.00-9.00** Magnum

TYNE TEES
As London except: 1.50-2.20pm On The Wild Side **5.10-5.40** Home and Away **8.00** Northern Life **6.30-7.00** Blockbusters **8.00-9.00** Island Son **10.40** Film: Mr and Mrs North **12.00** Hardball **1.25am** Donahue **2.20** Video View **2.50** 60 Minutes **3.45** Film: Out of Duty **5.25-5.30** Jobfinder

ULSTER
As London except: 1.50-2.20pm Sons and Daughters **3.25-3.55** Who's The Boss? **5.10-5.40** Home and Away **6.00** Six Tonight **6.30-7.00** Blockbusters **10.40** Disappearing World **11.40** Pop Profile **12.00** Hardball **1.25am** Donahue **2.20** Video View **2.50** 60 Minutes **3.45** Film: Out of Duty **5.25-5.30** Jobfinder

YORKSHIRE
As London except: **5.10-5.40pm** Home and Away **6.00** Calendar **6.30-7.00** Blockbusters **8.00-9.00** Island Son **10.40** The European Match **11.40** Film: Til Death Us Do Part **1.30am** William Tell **2.00** Quiz Night **2.30** Rock of Ages **3.00** Comedy Tonight **3.30** Music Box **4.30-5.30** Jobfinder

S4C
Starts: 6.00am C4 Daily **9.25** Sbectol **9.55** Sesame Street **10.50** Film: Chu Chin Chow* *12.30 Newyddion 12.35 Pursuit of Power* **1.00** Countdown **1.30** Business Daily **2.00** Channel 4 Racing from York **4.30** Kate and Allie **5.00** Happy Days **5.30** Brookside **6.00** Newyddion **6.10** Hanci **6.40** Penawde **7.00** Perthyn **7.30** Os Mets **8.00** The Thing Is **8.30** Newyddion **8.55** Film: The Dawning **10.45** Chris Anderson Talks Back **11.20** The New Statesman **11.50** Out **12.50am** Diwedd

RTE 1
Starts: *3.10pm News; The Forum Presents* **4.05** News; Emmerdale **4.35** Father Brown **5.30** A Country Practice **6.00** The Angelus **6.01** Six One **6.30** Whither Weather **6.40** Torvill and Dean with the Russian All Stars **7.35** Flight Over Spain **8.05** Lite Goes On **9.00** News **9.20** Troubles **11.15** News

NETWORK 2
Starts: **3.05pm** Bosco **3.35** Sharkey and George **4.00** Film: Million Dollar Duck **5.35** *Danger Bay* **6.00** *Gentle Ben* **6.25** *Home and* Away **7.00** The Poetry Book **7.05** Perfect Strangers **7.30** Coronation Street **8.00** News; Year of the Flame Bird **8.30** Who's The Boss? **9.00** Bagdad Cafe **9.25** News; Dempsey and Makepeace **10.25** Music from Ireland **10.55** News **11.10** Alfred Hitchcock

SATELLITE

SKY ONE
● Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellites. **6.30am** The DJ Kat Show **8.40** Mrs Pepperpot **8.55** Playabout **9.10** Cartoons *9.30 Mr Ed 10.00 The Lucy Show 10.30 The* Young Doctors **11.00** The Bold and the Beautiful **11.30** The Young and the Restless **12.30pm** Sale of the Century **1.00** True Confessions **1.30** Another World **2.20** Santa Barbara **2.45** Wife of the Week **3.15** The Brady Bunch **3.45** The DJ Kat Show **5.00** Diff'rent Strokes **5.30** Bewitched **6.00** *Family Ties* **6.30** *Sale of the Century* **7.00** Love at First Sight **7.30** The Secret Voice Show **8.00** "V" **9.00** Wiseguy **10.00** Love at *First Sight 10.30 Hitchhiker 11.00 Mickey* Spillane's Mike Hammer **12.00** Twist in the Tale **12.30am** World's Funniest Commercial Goots **1.30** Pages from Skytext

SKY NEWS
● Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellites
News on the hour.
5.00am Sunrise **5.30** Newsline **9.30** Dayline **10.30** Fashion TV **11.00** International Business *Report 11.30 Dayline 12.30pm CBS* News **1.30** CBS News **2.30** Our World **3.30** Our World: The Countryside Show **4.30** Fashion TV **5.00** Live at Five **6.30** Newsline **6.30** Fashion TV **10.30** Newsline **11.30** CBS News **12.30am** Newsline **1.30** CBS News **2.30** Beyond 2000 **3.30** Our World **4.30** Beyond 2000

SKY MOVIES+
● *Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellites.*
6.00am Showcase, incl at **8.40** Entertainment Tonight
10.00 California Girls (1985) A young man has an affair with the woman of his dreams **11.45** Mayerling (1969) The story of the doomed love affair between the crown prince of Austria and a commoner. **2.00pm** Winterhawk (1976) Michael Dante stars in this Western about the plight of a Blackhawk indian
4.00 The Summer My Father Grew Up: A drama about a child caught in the crossfire between divorcing parents
5.40 Entertainment Tonight
6.00 Eddie and the Cruisers II: Eddie Lives (1989) The further adventures of the rock, and roll singer. *Starring Michael Pare*
8.00 Chud 2: Bud the Chud (1989): A flesh-hungry monster is let loose on the world. Starring Brian Robbins and Tricia Leigh Fisher
10.00 Lady Chatterley's Lover (1982): Sylvia Kristel, *of Emmanuelle fame, stars as the* lady who embarks on a passionate affair with her game-keeper
11.45 Dracula's Widow (1987): Sylvia Kristel again, this time in a ghoulish fantasy **1.15am** When He's Not a Stranger (1989): Date-rape drama set on a college campus **2.45** My Name is Bill W. (1989): The story of *the founding of Alcoholics Anonymous.* Starring James Woods and James Garner
4.20 Fever Pitch (1985): An investigative journalist goes *undercover to expose the* twilight world of illegal gambling dens, only to find himself hooked. Starring Ryan O'Neal. Ends at **5.50**

THE MOVIE CHANNEL
● Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellites.
8.15am The Young Wives' Tale (1951). Comedy about mistaken relationships
8.15 The Tales of Beatrix Potter (1971). *Performed by the Royal Ballet*
10.15 Into the Blue (1950) Michael Wilding stars in this comedy about a stowaway
12.15pm Manuela (1957) A staid captain falls in love with a beautiful stowaway
2.15 The Lives of a Bengal Lancer (1935): Adventure set in colonial India
4.15 The Jetsons meet the Flintstones: *Joseph Hanna and William Barbera bring* together their cartoon families
5.50 Spotlight
6.15 Road Raiders (1989): A plane *full of* misfits crashes into Japanese-occupied territory Starring Bruce Boxleitner
8.15 Night Life (1989): Comedy about a female vampire who is being pursued by her *ancient lover* and the doctor of the blood clinic she has been haunting
10.15 Kramer v Kramer (1979): An unhappy *wife walks out on her husband and son* Starring Dustin Hoffman and Meryl Streep
12.00 Parenthood (1989): Steve Martin *stars in the comedy-drama about the trials* and tribulations of parenthood
2.05am Fire and Rain (1989) Drama about the tragic 1985 *Delta Airlines crash in Dallas*
3.35 For Better of for Worse (1990). Comedy about a bride who fails to tell her new husband that she is a secret agent Ends at **5.05**

SKY SPORTS
● Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellites.
11.00am Equestrianism **12.00** Kick-Boxing **1.00pm** Motorcycling Grand Prix of San *Marino 3.00 Watersports 4.00 American* Sports Cavalcade **5.00** German Touring Cars **6.00** ATP Tennis Magazine **7.00** Skol *Cup Football: Celtic v Morton 9.30 Austra-*lian Rugby League **11.30** Fishing the West

RADIO 1
FM Stereo and MW. **4.00am** Neale James (FM only) **8.00** Gary King **9.00** Bates's Mates Jason Donovan *11.00 The Radio 1 Roadshow,* with Jakki Brambles from Swansea Leisure Centre **12.30pm** Newsbeat **12.45** Gary Davies **3.00** Steve Wright in the Afternoon **5.30** News **91** **6.00** Mark Goodier **7.30** Mark Goodier's Evening Session **9.00** The Man Ezeke Sunshine Show Reggae **10.00** Nicky Campbell Goes into the Night **12.00-4.00am** Andy Peebles (FM only)

RADIO 2
FM Stereo. **4.00am** Steve Madden **6.00** Ken Bruce **7.30** Derek Jameson **9.30** Nonette Newman **11.00** Jimmy Young **1.05pm** David Jacobs **2.00** Gloria Hunniford **4.00** Roger Whittaker **5.05** John Dunn **7.00** On the Air **7.30** Jim McLeod's Scottish Dance Party **8.00** Jim Lloyd with Folk on 2 **9.00** Nigel Ogden: The Organist Entertains **9.30** *Six Silver Strings 10.00 Martin Kelner 12.05am Jazz Parade With Peter* Clayton **12.35** Bill Rennells **3.00** A Little Night Music

RADIO 3
6.00am World Service: *News and 24 Hours* **6.30** Morning edition incl at **6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30, 9.00** News, Sport **9.00** Take Five **10.25** 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 **10.40** This Family Business, incl at **11.00, 12.00** News, Sport **12.30pm** Now Read On **1.00** News, Sport; 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 (r) **1.20** Music Mix, incl **2.00** News, Sport **2.30** Racing *from York.* **(2.35)** Aston Upthorpe Yorkshire Oaks, **(3.10)** Tote Ebor Handicap; **(3.45)** Scottish Equitable Gimcrack Stakes **4.05** World Service: Development **91** **4.35** Five Aside, incl **5.00, 6.00, 7.00** News, Sport **7.20** Matilda: A Roald Dahl story in ten parts read by Pamela Stephenson **7.35** First Time Tales **8.00** Football Extra: *Action from tonight's Barclays League* matches plus news from the Rumbelows Cup **9.30** Student Helpline **10.00** News and Sport **10.10** Hit the North, incl **11.00** Sport **12.00-12.10am** News; Sport

RADIO 4
(s) Stereo on FM
5.55am Shipping Forecast **6.00** News Briefing, *incl at 6.03* Weather **6.10** Farming Today **6.25** Prayer for the Day **6.30** Today, incl at **6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30** News **6.55, 7.55** Weather **8.43** *Down With* Skool! (final part) **8.58** Weather
9.00 News
9.05 In the Psychiatrist's Chair: Dr Anthony Clare invites Jimmy Savile to reflect on the major influences that have shaped *his life*
9.40 Reading Aloud: A Short Walk from Harrods, by Dirk Bogarde (r)
10.00 News; Gardeners' Question Time: The team visits Cleveland (r)
10.30 Morning Story: Night Ride (s)
10.45 Daily Service (s)
11.00 News; Science Friction: An Apple A Day? Professor John Durant looks at the relationship between scientific *research and health* education
11.42 Profile: Usha Prashar
12.00 News; You and Yours with Debbie Thrower
12.25pm Out of Order: *Chairman* Patrick Hannah is joined by MPs Julian Critchley and Austin Mitchell and their guests (s) (r)
12.55pm Weather **1.00** The World at One
1.40 The Archers (r) **1.55** Shipping Forecast
2.00 News; Woman's Hour looks at female football players and also considers the patronage problems faced by charities. Plus an interview with playwright Louise Page
3.00 News; The Garden Affair: Robert Lord's comedy of *manners set in an Edinburgh* bridge circle (s)
3.47 Enquire Within: Dilly Barlow tackles questions sent in by listeners. This week she *considers the finer points of* Judaism and Islam (r)
4.00 News **4.05** How to Make a Million: Vic Rainford. Felicity Goodey investigates the *impact of the recession on* this entrepreneur
4.30 Kaleidoscope: Nigel Andrews reviews the new film releases *Sospdish* and *Young Soul Rebels.* Plus an interview with *novelist Sarah Banerjee* (s)
5.00 PM
5.50 Shipping Forecast **5.55** Weather **6.00** News
6.30 Round Britain Quiz (s) (r)
7.00 News **7.05** The Archers
7.20 Age to Age (r)
7.45 Medicine Now (r)
8.15 Antony Hopkins Talking About Music: Antony Hopkins considers a wide variety of music from the Promenade concerts (s)
8.45 In Business (New Series): In the wake of the BCCI collapse, Peter Day and Nigel Cassidy look at the difficulties faced by small businesses who were also investors and consider how long they can ward off falling into *receivership themselves*
9.15 Kaleidoscope (s) (r)
9.45 The Financial World Tonight (s) **9.58** Weather
10.00 The World Tonight (s)
10.45 A Book at Bedtime: Berlin Days 1946-7. (Part 3) Andrew Sachs reads George Clare's account of his experiences in the British Intelligence Service *in post-war Berlin* (s)
11.00 A Particular Point of View
● CHOICE: Jo Anderson has skilfully edited the notes which Dame Laura Knight, Britain's *official artist to the 1946* Nuremberg trials, wrote between sketching the Hitler gang in preparation for her celebrated painting. She *notes, inter alia: Goering* breaking a biscuit in half and sharing it with Hess; an American military policeman with a face like wood, pouring *water for Von Papen; the strip* fighting in the courtroom destroying the yellow in reds and turning them rose; all the bloodstained Nazis in the *dock revealing beautiful* hands. In Laura Knight, the eye of a first-rate reporter is twinned with the eye of a first-rate painter
11.30 Ulysses: Part 15 of John Scotney's adaptation of James Joyce's novel
12.00-12.43am News, incl **12.27** Weather **12.33** Shipping Forecast

RADIO 5
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Europe freezes aid for Moscow

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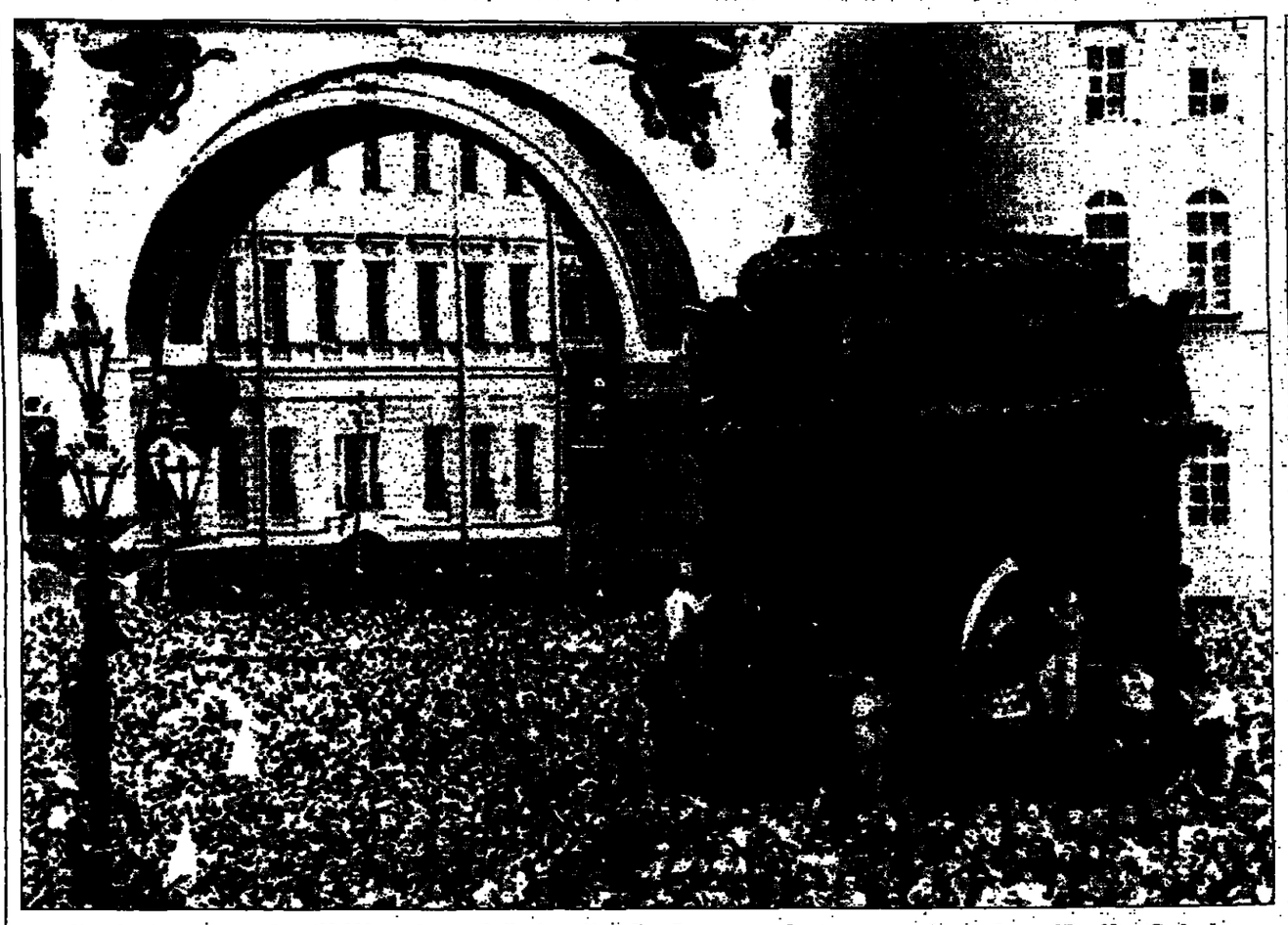
in Brussels today and are expected to expand on the reassurance offered to East European governments by the EC ministers yesterday.

The ministers agreed to speed up work on economic agreements between Poland, Czechoslovakia, Hungary and the community and expect the Soviet regime to "respect the integrity and security of all states in Europe." The Polish prime minister, Jan Krysztof Bielecki, rang John Major on Monday and President Walesa spoke to Jacques Delors, president of the EC commission, yesterday. The summit at the end of the week may well dispatch a team of ministers to visit East European capitals. Yesterday's declaration also voiced support for political and economic reforms in Bulgaria, Romania and Albania.

The ministers were unanimous that, while they had little leverage over the new Soviet regime, its attempt to turn the clock back would fail. "There is a tussle going on," Douglas Hurd, the foreign secretary, said, "a tussle against brutally heavy odds. What we are trying to do is to have an influence as fellow Europeans, to encourage those who are continuing to try to press the Soviet Union down the path to reform — and attempting to oppose those who are trying to rewind history."

His German counterpart, Hans-Dietrich Genscher, said developments towards democracy in the Soviet Union were "irreversible".

Uffe Ellemann-Jensen, Denmark's foreign minister, said he hoped that MEPs were ashamed for having been rude to Mr Yeltsin when he came to ask for their help this spring.



City of resistance: more than 400,000 people mass in Leningrad's Palace Square yesterday to protest at the overthrow of President Gorbachev

Lack of strong leader stirs hope for future

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largest single political force in the Soviet Union. A sizeable proportion of those who left or considered leaving the party went because the career prospects it once offered were no longer there.

Monday's institutional coup, if it holds, will discourage defections of this kind and reactivate an all-em bracing network of loyalists to keep factories and government offices under the party's control. Many democrats believe that the people of the Soviet Union can no longer be cowed into silence as they were by the repressions of Stalin and Brezhnev's persecution of dissidents.

Yet the experience of very many countries under repression shows that force is highly effective in silencing free speech. Russians, who have enjoyed that freedom for so short a time, are unlikely to be more resilient.

A further element in the equation is the force of argument which the coup leaders have on their side. These have a certain appeal to many Russians, epecially if the democrats have no means, through the mass media, to counter them.

The grudges harboured by the Soviet conservatives go back years, but have accumulated rapidly over the past months. In foreign policy, they believe Mr Gorbachev and his foreign minister, Mr Shevardnadze, sold the Soviet Union short. They believe they agreed to an unjustified global retreat from regions where the Soviet Union had legitimate interests — Afghanistan, Central America, Southern Africa and latterly Iraq — and that the retreat from Eastern Europe deprived the Soviet Union of an expensively acquired security cordon. Mr Gorbachev's credit-raising visits abroad last winter are seen as demeaning to Soviet dignity.

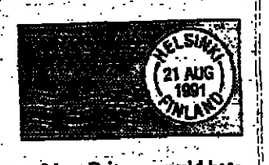
The last straw appears to have been the last edition of the Union treaty and the republics' interpretation of it, which would have struck at the centralised structure of the Soviet Union and the real power of the central institutions.

While the democrats and their supporters have been vocal opponents of Mr Yanayev's coup, there is probably even now, after six years of perestroika, a largely silent majority which would sacrifice a large measure of political freedom for the sake of basic material security. The "strong hand" argument is still seductive to a population that has not been used to looking to itself.

And yet the lack of a strong leader at its head, at least so far, may prove to be the crucial weakness of the emergency committee. Gennadi Yanayev does not appear a strong character, yet — as former vice-president — he must be its nominal leader if a degree of constitutionality is to be maintained.

Under pressure, the other seven members of the committee may find that their interests diverge. This must be the best hope of the opposition forces now facing such overwhelming odds on the streets of Moscow.

Disappearing act in magical wilderness



MASS tourism to the Med or not, this summer has proved yet again that the magic word *kesämökki* remains potent enough to empty Finland's cities at the height of the summer and leave puzzled tourists and desperate businessmen wandering aimlessly in emptiness resembling those post-nuclear attack scenes in Hollywood B-movies. Foreigners unused to the phenomenon have difficulty in believing that a whole country can be closed down for weeks.

The *kesämökki*, or summer cottage, can be anything from a small hut to a luxurious villa, but the primary requirement is that it be far from the city and preferably in the middle of nowhere. It is a must for all Finns, even in times of hardship. Everyone owns one or has access to one. Come hell or high water, waterfront, sauna, beer and grilled sausage fill the minds of all Finns during the warm mid-summer breaks, whether full weeks or merely weekends.

This year has been a good example. The country's economy has crashed after overheating during a decade of unprecedented growth, and gross national product is expected to fall for the first time since the early 1930s: some 5 per cent is the current estimate for 1991. Unemployment has passed 7 per cent, exports have fallen 10 per cent, and bankruptcies are expected to increase three-fold this year.

None of this has diminished the lure of the *kesämökki*, and even political leaders have obeyed the rule of locking the door and putting out the lights. Even the prime minister, Esko Aho, left his mountain of worries behind and disappeared from Helsinki for four weeks. And President Mauno Koivisto is tradition-bound to spend the summer in luxurious official *kesämökki* culture.

Most Finns are certain that they, and they alone, can understand the magic of the endless dark green forests, the tens of thousands of lakes and islands, the bright nights and the quiet of the wilderness. It is easy for the five million Finns to disappear in a country larger than the United Kingdom.

Most Britons would hate the relatively primitive *kesämökkis*, with the nearest pub 50 miles away, not to mention the lack of any sort of organised entertainment. But the lure of *kesämökki* has struck down even the most urbane of British diplomats, some of them for life.

The most celebrated case was a former ambassador, Andrew Stewart, who had to battle bureaucracy all the way up to government level for permission to buy a *kesämökki* in Heinavesi, in the east of the country. Selling land to foreigners, any land, has always been a thorny question, and it was near impossible last century when Finland was a grand duchy under the tsars of Russia. The intention was to stop the Russians owning property in Finland, and the law was a great success.

Now, however, the question of *kesämökkis* for foreigners is a big problem, and it will be right in the spotlight when Finns debate whether to apply to join the European Community. Defence of the near-holy *kesämökki* is strong, even though many sceptics feel that precious few Europeans would be interested in buying property in the far north of the continent — especially when it is realised that prices are higher than in southern France, and that *kesämökki* come complete with summer mosquitos.

Why do Finns feel they must escape to the wilderness? Explanations are numerous, but one thing is clear: Finns have maintained an affinity for nature and a love of loneliness.

They no longer move deeper into the forest when a boat floats down-river, announcing the unwelcome arrival of a neighbour, as the old proverb has it. Instead there is a modern proverb about *kesämökki* life, coined by the leading newspaper cartoonist, Kari: If you happen to be passing by; pass by.

OLLI KIVIENEN

Modern Caesars, beware the ides of August

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Führer on August 2, 1934. The consequential war was terminated by the August 1945 atom bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki.

Politicians are not the sole begetters of August drama. Other means — human, mechanical and pharmaceutical — have cost the lives of Elvis Presley (of toxic poisoning, 1977), 14 people murdered by Michael Ryan in the Hungerford massacre (1987), and 711 killed in three air crashes in the first 22 days of August 1985.

Not everything that happens in August is irrefutably awful: there have been events whose awfulness is a matter of opinion. One such happened on August 31, 1900, when Charles Candler, the son of Coca Cola's founder, arrived in London bearing one jug of Cola syrup. No sooner had that been swallowed than the enthusiastic natives put in a huge order (well, five gallons), thus readying their parched throats to cope with an event in which Britain long ago reached gold medal standard: the August weather sensation.

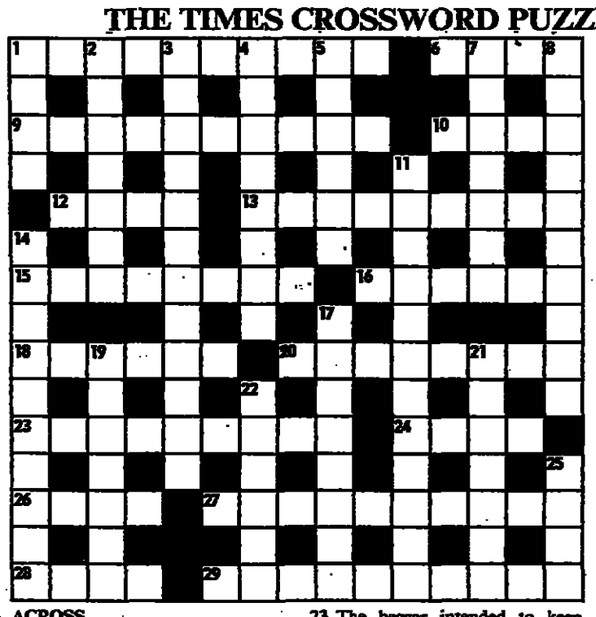
Two splendid examples of the genre arrived in successive years. In 1911 the London temperature reached a record 97 degrees Fahrenheit. If that inspired the search which ended with the great British tabloid summer headline "Phew, what a scorcher", the next year suggested that the need was less than urgent. It produced the worst August rainfall Britain had ever seen: six inches in 12 hours. You could not get into Norwich. Nor could you get out.

August has in several important ways brought tidings of the life we lead now. We watch colour television, thanks in part to a breakthrough announcement from RCA on August 25, 1949. Television competes for our attention with the cinema. Motion pictures were demonstrated by Thomas Edison in August 1910. We drive cars: the first Model T Ford was produced on August 12, 1908.

If Pulitzer did the newshungry world a small favour on August 15, 1903, another man of the media filled acres of newsprint, especially in the papers he had owned, on the same date in 1951. William Randolph Hearst was often wrong, but he had timing: on August 14, he died.



THE TIMES CROSSWORD PUZZLE NO 18,690



ACROSS

1 Game here for 29, as found in the food store (10).
6 Impatient desire for an Italian honour (4).
9 Geometrician's register is discovered among the best books (10).
10 Girl about in Dr Slammer's surgery (4).
12 Problem associated with parking at the pool (4).
13 Flyer originally trained in other MiG formation (5,4).
15 Woman with note about retiring Communist councillor (8).
16 Make an intensive effort to obtain stock (6).
18 Beg a French female to go away and see sense (6).
20 Nothing can take the place of a Bohemian eccentric if you're looking for geniality (8).
23 The beggar intended to keep woman in a state (9).
24 Backed unknown pronouncement of Law Lord in a proper manner (4).
26 Security device — one of several we have on hand (4).
27 Weapon an Irishwoman held with difficulty (10).
28 Priest frees son from malediction (4).
29 He represents scholars unhappy in classical love (10).

DOWN

1 Shame, when it replaces article contributing to income (4).
2 Interpret Ezra, from the beginning? (7).
3 Work left in misplaced art files (4-8).
4 Dark glass of beer for a bird (8).
5 Quit, but subscribe again (6).
7 Instrument a doctor provided for inclusion in a lottery (7).
8 Primitive person looking for a leader? (4-6).
11 Entering married quarters, heave inwardly at the shameful state (12).
14 Half-hearted composer with an obsession about charm (10).
17 Serve up crumble, turnover say, and a maize cake (8).
19 Basket Miss Oakley carried in Puerto Rico (7).
21 Beat up a fat swimmer (7).
22 Measure a quantity of wood (6).
25 There's a lot of appeal in this daily (4).

Solution to Puzzle No 18,689

F	A	C	E	L	I	F	T		S	T	A	T	I	C
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This puzzle was solved within 30 minutes by 27 per cent of the competitors at the 1991 Bristol regional final of The Times *Collins Dictionaries Crossword Championship.*

A Word in Your Ear

A daily safari through the language jungle. Which of the possible definitions is correct?

By Philip Howard

SIRGANG
a. A green bird
b. Headmaster's praepostors
c. A sword belt

DEVANAGARI
a. Basic curry paste
b. A wandering beggar
c. Sanskrit script

CRONET
a. A wildfowler's net
b. A small crown
c. Horse's hoof hair

CRISPIN
a. A fine wheat roll
b. A fringed hair-cut
c. A shoemaker

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WEATHER

Much of England, Wales and eastern Scotland will be dry with plenty of sunshine but with thundery showers possible over southern England in the evening. The North and north-west of Scotland and Northern Ireland will be cloudy and breezy, with some drizzle in the far North-West. Warm and humid in the South, cooler in the North-West. Outlook: thundery showers in most areas but becoming brighter.

MIDDAY: b=thunder; d=drizzle; lg=log; s=sun; sl=sleet; sn=snow; f=fair; c=cloud; r=rain

	C	F			C	F	
Ajaccio	27	81	s	Madrid	34	93	s
Alicante	29	84	s	Majorca	31	88	s
Alex'dria	28	84	s	Malaga	28	79	s
Algiers	33	91	s	Malta	31	88	s
Amst'dm	19	66	s	Melb'rne	13	55	r
Athens	29	84	s	Mexico C*	23	73	r
Bahrain	34	93	s	Miami*	33	91	r
Bangkok	28	82	r	Milan	28	82	s
Barbados*	31	88	r	Montreal*	20	68	c
Barcelna	27	81	s	Moscow	17	63	c
Beirut	29	84	s	Munich	21	70	s
Belgrade	23	73	t	Nairobi	27	81	s
Berlin	15	59	r	Naples	30	86	r
Bermuda*	32	90	r	N Delhi	31	88	r
Biarritz	24	75	s	N York*	22	72	r
Borde'x	26	82	s	Nice	27	81	s
Brussels	20	68	c	Oslo	21	70	r
Budapst	20	68	r	Paris	25	77	s
B Aires*	23	73	r	Peking	33	91	s
Cairo	32	90	r	Perth	17	63	c
Cape Tn	13	55	c	Prague	17	63	r
Chicago*	21	70	c	Reykjavik	10	50	c
Ch'church	10	50	s	Rhodes	29	84	s
Cologne	21	70	c	Rio de J.	22	72	s
C'phegn	15	59	c	Riyadh	42	108	s
Corfu	30	86	s	Rome	28	82	s
Dublin	19	66	s	Salzburg	20	68	r
Dubrovnik	28	82	s	S Frisco*	17	63	c
Faro	31	88	s	Santiago*	18	64	s
Florence	29	84	s	S Paulo*	21	70	s
Frankfurt	24	75	r	Seoul	26	95	s
Funchal	24	75	s	Sing'por	30	86	r
Geneva	25	77	s	St'kholm	21	70	r
Gibraltar	27	81	s	Strasb'rg	24	75	s
Helsinki	18	64	r	Sydney	22	72	s
Hong K	29	84	r	Tangier	29	84	r
Innsbruck	22	72	r	Tel Aviv	29	84	r
Istanbul	27	81	s	Tenerife	25	77	s
Jeddah	36	97	s	Tokyo	28	79	r
Jo'burg*	21	70	s	Toronto*	24	75	r
Karachi	30	86	c	Tunis	35	95	s
L Palmas	25	77	s	Valencia	30	86	s
Le Touet	21	70	s	Vanc'ver*	21	70	s
Lisbon	30	86	s	Venice	26	79	s
Locarno	27	81	s	Vienna	20	68	r
London	23	73	s	Warsaw	19	66	c
L Angels*	22	72	s	Wash'ton*	31	88	r
Luxembg	23	73	s	Wel'ton	13	55	s
Luxor	36	97	s	Zurich	22	72	s

* denotes figures are latest available

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Aberdeen	1.3	.15	16	64	rain
Anglesey	1.9	.19	17	63	rain
Belfast	5.5	.16	18	64	rain
Birmingham	6.5	-	22	72	bright
Blackpool	1.9	.06	17	63	rain
Bournemouth	12.5	-	22	72	sunny
Brighton	12.8	-	20	68	sunny
Bristol	11.5	-	20	68	sunny
Buxton	2.4	.04	16	64	rain
Cardiff	11.1	-	19	66	sunny
Colwyn Bay	2.4	.03	19	66	rain
Cromer	8.7	-	23	73	sunny
Douglas	1.6	.10	17	63	shower
Edinburgh	3.3	.04	20	68	bright
Falmouth	11.8	-	21	70	sunny
Glasgow	5.5	.14	19	66	rain
Jersey	12.9	-	22	72	sunny
London	8.7	-	25	77	sunny
Lowestoft	7.9	-	23	73	bright
Manchester	2.9	.03	19	66	rain
Minehead	12.8	-	21	70	sunny
Morecambe	2.1	.17	18	61	rain
Newquay	12.8	-	18	64	sunny
Nottingham	4.0	-	22	72	bright
Penzance	12.1	-	21	70	sunny
Plymouth	12.1	-	19	66	sunny
Salcombe	11.4	-	20	68	sunny
Sandown	12.7	-	21	70	sunny
Scarborough	3.2	-	18	64	cloudy
Scilly Isles	12.8	-	20	68	sunny
Southsea	11.8	-	21	70	sunny
St. Ives	12.2	-	18	64	sunny
Swanage	12.5	-	20	68	sunny
Torquay	13.1	-	23	73	sunny
Weymouth	12.7	-	20	68	sunny
Worthing	12.3	-	20	68	sunny

Monday's figures are latest available

Yesterday: Temp: max 6am to 6pm, 18C (64F): min 6pm to 6am, 11C (52F). Rain: 24hr to 6pm, nil. Sun: 24hr to 6pm, 8.2 hr.

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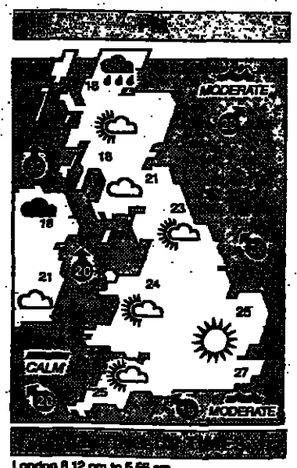
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Temperatures at midday yesterday: c, cloud; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun.

	C	F			C	F	
Belfast	17	63	s	Guernsey	18	64	c
B'mingham	21	70	s	Inverness	18	64	f
Blackpool	17	63	s	Jersey	22	72	s
Bristol	21	70	s	London	23	73	s
Cardiff	23	73	f	M'chester	19	66	s
Edinburgh	18	64	f	Newcastle	19	66	c

Monday: Highest day temp: London Weather Centre, 25C (77F); lowest day max: Fair Isle, Shetland, 14C (57F); highest rainfall: Tiree, Outer Hebrides, 0.38 in; highest sunshine: Ryde, Isle of Wight, 13.8 hr.



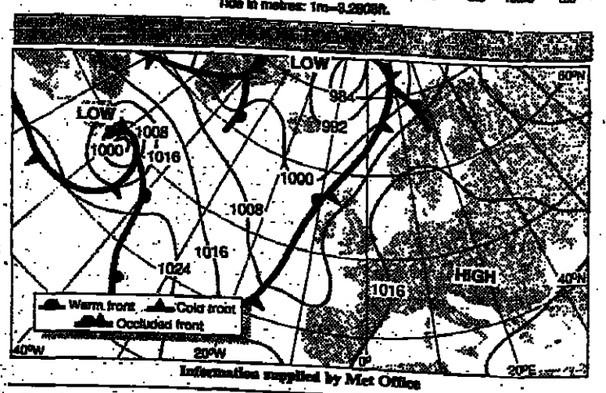
London 8.12 pm to 5.56 am
Bristol 8.22 pm to 6.06 am
Edinburgh 8.38 pm to 5.58 am
Manchester 8.25 pm to 6.00 am
Penzance 8.30 pm to 6.21 am

Sun rises: 5.55 am — Sun sets: 8.12 pm
Moon sets 1.30 am — Moon rises 6.24 pm
Full moon August 25

Yesterday: Temp: max 6am to 6pm, 22C (72F): min 6pm to 6am, 9C (48F). Rain: 24hr to 6pm, 0.13 in. Sun: 24hr to 6pm, 10.5 hr.

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT	TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	11.51	5.6			Liverpool	9.42	7.3	10.00	7.9
Aberdeen	11.59	3.3			Lowestoft	7.35	2.1	8.43	2.1
Avonmouth	5.03	9.4	5.38	10.4	Margate	10.03	3.9	10.56	4.0
Belfast	9.09	2.8	9.32	3.0	Milford Haven	4.25	5.1	4.52	5.5
Cardiff	4.48	9.1	5.28	9.7	Newquay	3.22	5.2	3.47	5.6
Devonport	3.02	4.2	3.43	4.5	Oban	4.38	2.9	4.52	3.3
Dover	9.33	5.9	10.08	5.4	Penzance	2.14	4.2	2.51	4.5
Falmouth	2.32	4.0	3.13	4.3	Portland	4.43	1.8	5.05	1.8
Harwich	9.57	3.2	10.36	4.7	Portsmouth	9.33	3.8	9.47	3.9
Holyhead	9.05	4.4	9.18	4.7	Shoreham	9.27	4.7	9.53	4.9
Hull	4.12	5.8	5.12	6.7	Southampton	9.36	3.7	9.39	3.9
Ilfracombe	4.04	6.7	4.36	7.3	Swansea	4.15	7.1	4.49	7.6
King's Lynn	4.27	4.8	5.16	5.0	Tees	1.35	4.8	2.21	4.3
Leith	12.27	4.4	1.13	4.4	W'ton-on-Nze	9.56	3.9	10.35	3.5

Tide in metres: 1m=3.28ft.



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Legal action threat to ITC

PHIL Redmond, the creator of Channel 4's *Brookside*, who has outbid Granada Television in the Channel 3 licence auction, has threatened legal action against the Independent Television Commission (ITC) should it invoke the exceptional circumstances clause to award the licence to the lower bidder (Melinda Wittstock writes).

North West Television, which is believed to have bid as much as £35 million, says its application and business plan is of sufficient quality to allow it to oust Granada, one of commercial television's oldest companies. Granada is thought to have bid about £20 million.

Mr Redmond said: "If North West's record on quality is challenged, with programmes such as *Brookside* and *Grange Hill* and the backing of both Yorkshire and Tyne Tees Television, a judicial review will be pending."

Willis Corroon makes £69.4m

Willis Corroon, the merged insurance broking group, made a pre-tax profit of £69.4 million in the first half, compared with a pre-tax profit from Willis Faber last time. This is 5 per cent lower than the pro-forma profits of Willis and Corroon & Black, which merged last October.

Earnings per share in the half year fell 30 per cent to 10.9p, while the dividend is 6.6p.

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Payout raised

Pentland Group, the consumer products company associated with Reebok, Adidas and Speedo, reports pre-tax profits of £6 million (£6.3 million pro-forma) for the six months to end-June. The interim dividend is 0.9375p (0.3125p).

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THE POUND

US dollar
1.6415 (+0.0130)
German mark
2.9539 (–0.0042)
Exchange index
90.2 (same)

STOCK MARKET

FT 30 Share
1987.9 (+12.0)
FT-SE 100
2554.5 (+14.0)
New York Dow Jones
2903.85 (+5.82)*
Tokyo Nikkei Avge
21687.06 (+230.30)

MAJOR CHANGES

RISES:

J Smurfit	592½p (+20p)
D Smith	369½p (+13p)
Enterprise	512p (+12p)
LASMO	325½p (+11p)
Sothebys	750p (+12p)
Silvermines	72½p (+13p)
Kwik Save	569p (+15p)
P Bilton	453½p (+16p)
Great Portland	190½p (+11p)
Hammerson 'A'	616p (+12p)
Davies & Newman	135p (+10p)
Eurotunnel Units	448½p (+19p)
Tiphook	504p (+10p)
Powell Duffryn	299p (+11p)
Cambridge Elec	186½p (+11p)
Elec Data Process	212½p (+14p)
Simon Eng	298½p (+11p)
Siebe	496p (+17p)
Photo-Me	227½p (+20p)

FALLS:

Flogas	205p (–10p)

INTEREST RATES

London: Bank Base: 11%
3-month Interbank 10$^{13}/_{16}$-10$^{15}/_{16}$%
3-month eligible bills: 10$^{9}/_{32}$-10$^{7}/_{32}$%
US: Prime Rate 8½%
Federal Funds 5$^{7}/_{16}$%*
3-month Treasury Bills 5.13-5.12%*
30-year bonds 100$^{1}/_{16}$-100$^{3}/_{32}$*

CURRENCIES

London:	New York:
£: $1.6415	£: $1.6385*
£: DM2.8539	$: DM1.8035*
£: SwFr2.5402	$: SwFr1.5465*
£: FFr10.0189	$: FFr6.1170*
£: Yen225.38	$: Yen137.45*
£: Index90.2	$: Index67.7
ECU £0.695698	SDR £0.807509
£: ECU1.437405	£: SDR1.238376

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close $354.00-354.50 (£215.80-216.30)
New York:
Comex $355.25-355.75*

NORTH SEA OIL

Brent (Sep) ..... $20.90 bbl ($20.45)
* Denotes latest trading price

RETAIL PRICES

RPI: 133.8 July (1987=100)

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Dealers remain nervous on reports of tanks approaching parliament

Markets fare better but remain wary

By GEORGE SIVELL AND COLIN NARBROUGH

MARKETS recovered some of their poise after the Red Monday shakeout but signs of nervousness remained, especially in later trading, when it was reported that tanks were heading towards the Russian parliament building in Moscow.

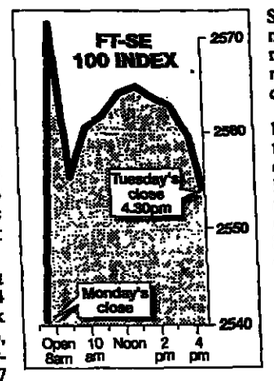
The London stock market managed a recovery of 14 points to 2,554.5 on the back of an overnight rise in Tokyo, measured by the Nikkei average of 230.30 points, or 1.07 per cent, to 21,687.06. Wall Street continued in similar vein with the Dow Jones industrial average standing 5.82 up at 2,903.85 by lunchtime. Earlier in the morning, the index had stood at 2,926.65 but began to fall after reports than women were being evacuated from the Russian parliament.

German shares ended the day 1.9 per cent higher, regaining a little of Monday's 9.4 per cent loss. The Dax index rose 29 points to 1,526.93. Dealers said the market was nervous about Soviet developments.

Economics and analysts strove yesterday to quantify the impact of the hardliners grasping control of the Soviet Union. Economists generally said that the overthrow of Mikhail Gorbachev could only undermine prospects for early world economic recovery by damaging confidence throughout the membership of the Group of Seven trading nations.

Analysts at Yamaichi said that this could result in earlier interest rate cuts than might otherwise have been the case especially if it is felt that economic prospects will be damaged.

Money markets in London reacted accordingly with trading rates lowering slightly. Analysts now suspect a half point could be knocked off base rates round the time of the August inflation figures, due to be published on September 13, and certainly before the Conservative party Conference.



Both equity and foreign exchange markets reacted nervously to a news agency report around lunchtime in London that Mr Gorbachev had returned to the Kremlin. This was later corrected to a return to the Crimea, but in the intervening period the dollar had lost three pfennigs and the FT-SE 100 index surged from showing a rise of 15 to a rise of more than 30.

Foreign exchange dealers said that investors seemed to want to hang on to dollars until they had more idea of what was happening in the Soviet Union. But the dollar managed a fall of 1.75 pfennigs to DM1.8010 as the mark recovered from Red Monday's 7 pfennig fall.

The pound remained sidelined, but ended fourth top of the exchange-rate mechanism despite losing 0.25 pfennig to DM2.9573. Against the dollar the pound firmed, rising almost one cent to $1.6415. Sterling's trade-weighted index closed unchanged at 90.2.

Gold continued to confound markets, with the price falling almost $5 to $355.50 in London. Dealers had expected the price to rise more in reaction to the Soviet problems.

Oil prices were strong again but remained below the traded peak they hit on Monday. In late afternoon trading October futures for the international benchmark Brent Blend crude on London's International Petroleum Exchange had risen 40 cents to $20.93 a barrel. Although Soviet oil supplies continued apparently uninterrupted, concern that the political situation might deteriorate kept the market on edge.

Oil workers in the giant Tyumen oilfield in Siberia have said they would not support the strike call made by Boris Yeltsin, the Russian president, although they supported him politically.

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Point of order: a trader on the Frankfurt stock market signalling a deal yesterday

Lending leaps but firms still cautious

By COLIN NARBROUGH
ECONOMICS CORRESPONDENT

STRONGER demand from the personal sector revived bank and building society lending last month, but companies remained wary of taking up credit, according to the latest money figures.

Bank of England data showed a seasonally adjusted rise of £3.4 billion in lending to the private sector in July, up sharply from June's £400 million increase. It was the highest monthly gain since February.

Some analysts saw the July rise, with the pick-up in retail sales, as evidence of recovery. Others dismissed the data as distorted by borrowing for the water privatisation. For the sceptical, the data confirmed that lending remains weak.

The officially targetted narrow money supply measure, M0, showed annual growth of 2 per cent for the second consecutive month, which put it in the middle of the target range. But more recent weekly data point to annual growth slowing again in August.

The British Bankers' Association said total sterling lending to the private sector by the clearing banks was "virtually unchanged" after adjustment for seasonal factors.

Lending to the personal sector rose £343 million in July. Mortgage lending was £459 million higher.

The government said the number of unemployed for more than 12 months rose by 37,000 in the three months to July, putting the total increase since July 1990 at 78,500, or 15.3 per cent. Apart from Scotland and Northern Ireland, all regions saw a rise in long-term joblessness.

Henry McLeish, shadow employment minister, said the figures made grim reading for the unemployed and the government, confirming Britain had the fastest rising long-term and youth unemployment in the European Community.

Provisional estimates show that companies destocked heavily in the second quarter. Manufacturers, wholesalers and retailers reduced stocks by a seasonally adjusted £1.37 billion, after a first quarter fall of £954 million.

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KPMG warns firms on investing in east Europe

By WOLFGANG MÜNCHAU

KPMG is advising companies to think twice before investing into central and eastern Europe. The world's largest international accountancy and management consultancy group, said: "Those who are not yet committed to establishing a presence in Poland, Hungary or Czechoslovakia should reassess plans.

"The USSR remains a major trading partner of these countries and the uncertainties in that market could cause serious short-term problems."

If companies follow KPMG's advice, investments worth several billion dollars will be at risk. This year, investments into eastern Europe, mainly Hungary, Poland and Czechoslovakia, were estimated to be worth from $3 billion to $5 billion, and were expected to rise strongly next year, once Czechoslovakia's privatisation is in full swing.

Michael Gibbins, head of KPMG's east European activities, said that the warning applied to companies that have not yet invested, or those in "the letter of intent stage". For companies that have set up operations in eastern Europe, he said, "the worst thing they should do now is to pull out. We are not advising our western clients with interests in the USSR to pull out immediately at this stage."

For the struggling democracies in central and eastern Europe, the upheaval in the Soviet Union comes at a time when western reluctance to invest in east Europe was beginning to disappear. East European trade with the Soviet Union collapsed by about 50 per cent after the dismantling of Comecon, the former east European trading block. However, for many companies in east Europe that are struggling to sell their products in western markets, the Soviet Union still represents the most significant outlay for their products.

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Institutions shun Mountleigh issue

By MATTHEW BOND

INSTITUTIONAL shareholders have shunned the £96 million rescue right issue launched in July by Mountleigh, the property company. By the time the issue closed on Monday, existing shareholders had taken up 12 per cent of the issue.

With Mountleigh's share price remaining below the 25p issue price all day, UBS Phillips & Drew, the securities house which underwrote the issue, was unable to place the unwanted 88 per cent of the issue. That passes to the sub-underwriters, including the concert party led by Nelson Peltz, Mountleigh's chairman.

Neale Albert, a non-executive director of Mountleigh, agreed that the level of shareholder support was disappointing but said that from the company's point of view it had been a success. "Mountleigh did not make the rights issue to get a vote of confidence. Mountleigh did it because it needed additional equity." A refinancing with the company's banks was conditional on the new equity being raised.

The company will receive the proceeds from the issue next Tuesday.

The failure of the rights issue enables the concert party, which also includes Peter May and a Gordon Getty family trust, to increase their control of the company. By subscribing for 95 million new shares and sub-underwriting the first 12.5 per cent of the rights issue, the concert party will receive 29 per cent of Mountleigh.

HEI, a Bahamas partnership used by the Pritzker family, will have 13.3 per cent of Mountleigh and Accumulator, a Danish property company, will get 5.2 per cent.

Salomon's BT role 'to be reviewed'

By NEIL BENNETT, BANKING CORRESPONDENT

THE British government is believed to be reviewing the appointment of Salomon Brothers, the American securities house, to handle the privatisation of British Telecom, after Salomon admitted breaking US Treasury dealing rules and John Gutfreund, its chairman, resigned.

A spokesman for the Treasury refused to comment on whether Salomon was under scrutiny, but sources close to the department said it would be unusual if it did not review the situation.



Maude: review expected

Francis Maude, the financial secretary to the Treasury, is expected to look into Salomon's position.

Salomon has not yet had any direct contact with the Treasury.

Salomon is likely to be allowed to proceed with the issue on the grounds that its equities department has not been involved in the American bond operations.

Salomon won the job of placing the American portion of the BT privatisation after competing against Goldman Sachs and Morgan Stanley, which have handled most of the British privatisations in the past.

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US suppliers jilt Holy Loch firms

By KERRY GILL

FOUR British companies, including a boat builder and a tug company, are pondering their future having become the financial equivalent of jilted GI brides.

The shock waves caused by the impending departure of the US Navy from the Holy Loch in the west of Scotland have hardly subsided but the four sub-contracting companies to the base have learned that their American employers have been sacked owing them more than £500,000.

Superior Marine, of Portsmouth, Virginia, was appointed by the US Navy to provide support services to the submarine base, the closure of which was announced in February after 30 years on the loch. The firm employed the four British companies, Morris & Lorimer (Marine), of Dunoon; Clan Contracts, of Gourock; Tees Marine, of Middlesbrough; and Alexander Towing, of Liverpool, to carry out work at the base.

Superior Marine's contract was terminated by the navy and now Terry Hooper, managing director of Morris and Lorimer, has been notified by the US bankruptcy court that the company has applied for Chapter 11 proceedings which could protect it from payment of debts for up to five years.

Mr Hooper said his company faced closure because of the debt. "Over the years the US Navy has led us to believe that their contractors are vetted and supported in order to prevent a scenario such as this. A new company has been appointed to handle the work since the departure of Superior Marine but it, too, is refusing to pay any debt."

Morris & Lorimer relied on the American presence for almost 20 years. It built small boats at its yard, carried out repairs and supplied equipment to the US navy. Mr Hooper said he was owed more than £80,000. If the cash was paid his company would be able to restart trading. Mr Hooper believes the US Navy has a moral obligation to clear the debts, particularly with the economic devastation its departure will bring.

He said American laws were complex and he had been advised that there was little chance that he or any other of the companies could get any satisfaction through the American courts. "The Americans should not be allowed to walk away leaving debts which could force British contractors out of business, especially now that the US Navy is pulling out. It appears that they feel that as they are leaving it doesn't matter what happens to local people." Mr Hooper added. He said his ten remaining employees face the dole.

There was no one available for comment from the US Navy last night.

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SEC bonds enquiry grows over Salomon

From PHILIP ROBINSON IN NEW YORK

THE Securities and Exchange Commission has widened its investigation into the alleged rigging of auctions in the American government Treasury market in the wake of admissions by Salomon Brothers that it violated the rules and then tried to cover up the evidence.

Warren Buffett, who replaced John Gutfreund as Salomon chairman and chief executive on Sunday, admitted that records of one of Wall Street's most powerful investment banks had been altered as part of an attempt by Salomon to corner the market at Treasury bond auctions. The strategy allowed them to control prices.

Mr Gutfreund, Thomas Strauss, the Salomon president and John Meriwether, the vice-chairman, resigned on Sunday after admitting they knew of violations but failed to report them. Paul Mozer, head Treasury bond trader, and Thomas Murphy, his deputy, were fired.

Lord Young of Graffham, chairman of Cable and Wireless and a main board director of Salomon Inc, the bank's parent company, has confirmed the cover-up effort.

Salomon has also admitted breaking the rules by failing to report that Phibro Energy, its oil trading operations headed by Briton Andrew Hall, bought 1 per cent of the $12.2 billion two-year Treasury auction in May.

That purchase lifted Salomon Inc's total share of the auction from 44 per cent to 45 per cent – 10 per cent above the amount it is legally allowed to own.

The fresh ground being broken by government regulators will focus on collusion among the 40 primary dealers and their customers who regularly deal in the $2,200 billion Treasuries market.

A six-page letter from William McLucas, head of the SEC's enforcement division, was issued at the weekend seeking details of bids believed to go back more than a year.

Investigators are attempting to assess whether there has been widespread collusion in the market and whether this involved "parking" securities – an illegal practice where the true owner of a security is hidden.

Salomon has admitted "parking" securities by making bids for bonds in the names of clients without their authorisation. The SEC wants answers by next Thursday.

Salomon took part in yesterday's auction under restrictions placed on it by the Treasury, which allows the investment bank to deal only for its own account and not on behalf of customers. Insiders say dealers were flanked by lawyers and compliance officers.

Meanwhile, Deryck Maughan, appointed Salomon's chief operating officer on Sunday, began lifting morale at the firm.

Kalikow files for chapter 11 protection

From OUR CORRESPONDENT IN NEW YORK

PETER Kalikow, one of Manhattan's largest property developers and owner of *The New York Post*, the tabloid newspaper, lost a three-month, $1 billion battle with bankers yesterday and filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection.

The filing will give the millionaire, who has owned the Post for three years, the chance to reorganise his debts under court supervision.

National Westminster is one of 16 banks claiming to be owed a total $1 billion. The banks have collateral for only about $750 million.

Mr Kalikow, aged 48, who owns about 6,000 apartments in New York, threatened in June that he would file for protection before allowing the banks to liquidate his assets, or insist on more collateral.

At one point, creditors, wanted control of the Post, Mr Kalikow's yacht, private jet, collection of rare cars and country home. Under an earlier plan, the banks would have taken all Mr Kalikow's assets except his three-story Manhattan apartment, $2 million owed to him, clothing, household furnishing and jewellery.

At that time, he said: "They're not getting any of that. I've got more than enough to put up without losing any of my personal assets. My liabilities are about $1 billion and a year ago I had assets of $1.5 billion. I might have $100 million unsecured and I have more than enough to cover that. I have no intention of selling the Post or any other personal assets, it's not necessary."

Mr Kalikow's troubles have been triggered by the sharp fall in New York property prices. He failed to repay $50 million of loans due at the beginning of this year.

For National Westminster Bancorp, NatWest's New York operation, which is owed an estimated $15 million by Mr Kalikow, it is the second time in a year that it has needed to seek collateral after granting unsecured loans to property developers. The bank recently gained security over the roulette and blackjack tables of Donald Trump's Taj Mahal casino to cover a $50 million unsecured loan. It is understood the bank still has no collateral over a $15 million Trump Loan.



PETER TREVINOR

Shining example: Michael Webber announces improved profits at Pifco and reduced losses at Russell Hobbs

Pifco cuts losses at Russell Hobbs

By JONATHAN PRYNN

PIFCO Holdings, the electrical applicances maker, said that it had "significantly reduced" the rate of losses at Russell Hobbs, Britain's leading kettle maker, in the three months since it was acquired from the administrators of Polly Peck International in April for £7.8 million.

Michael Webber, the Pifco chairman, said that Russell Hobbs had been losing £1 million a month under Polly Peck's ownership.

He added that a major reorganisation was under way at the company, including a reduction in the workforce from 600 to 500. Mr Webber added that Russell Hobbs could not be turned round overnight but that he expected to see "some progress" in the 1992-3 financial year.

Pifco yesterday reported an 8 per cent improvement in pre-tax profits to £3.7 million for the year to end-April. A £294,000 extraordinary item relates to the net costs of a legal action against Price Waterhouse, the accountant, for alleged negligence.

In an out-of-court settlement, Pifco received £263,000 from Price Waterhouse in April.

Hopkinsons bids £33.3m for Carbo

By MARTIN BARROW



Egan: demand hit badly

HOPKINSONS Group, the engineering concern, has made an agreed £33.3 million bid for Carbo, a manufacturer of plastics and abrasives.

Hopkinsons, which manufactures equipment for gas pipelines and for the drinks dispensing industry, is offering 600p in cash and 5 new shares for every 4 Carbo shares, valuing each share at approximately 251.25p.

Directors of Carbo have given irrevocable undertakings to accept the offer in respect of 41.4 per cent of the company's share capital.

Carbo shares, which rose 46p to 236p earlier this month on news of a bid approach, climbed 11p to 241p. Hopkinsons was down 2p at 79p.

Carbo also reported pre-tax profits down from £2.4 million to £1.7 million for the first six months of the year, with earnings of 6.8p a share, down from 10.5p.

The interim dividend, which will be paid to shareholders accepting the offer, is held at 2.8p a share.

Trevor Egan, chairman, said that the results, though disappointing, were in line with expectations because of the depth of the recession, which severely affected demand for abrasives in the UK.

Although there were encouraging signs about prospects, a recovery was unlikely to have a significant effect on second half results.

Recommending the offer from Hopkinsons, he said: "The greater financial strength of the enlarged group will enable Carbo to continue its development in the UK and continental Europe.

The terms of the offer give Carbo shareholders the opportunity to participate in the future of the enlarged group."

Hopkinsons, which recently emerged from a period of restructuring, said its interim results would be announced before the offer document was posted.

In its last full year pre-tax profits were unchanged at £6.72 million, helped by a £1 million rise in investment income to £2.02 million. The yearly dividend was nudged up from 3.5p a share to 3.7p.

CEI dividend held as profits fall to £5.1m

CAMBRIDGE Electronic Industries said no earnings dilution was likely to arise from last month's £29.9 million takeover of Tace, manufacturer of environmental control equipment. The promise was made after CEI reported pre-tax profits down from £5.3 million to £5.1 million for the first six months of 1991, with unchanged earnings of 8.2p a share. The interim dividend is held at 3.3p a share.

Last year's comparable profits included a £2.3 million contribution from divested businesses. This was offset in the six months just ended by a £1.3 million reduction in interest charges to £400,000 and a contribution of £2.9 million from environmental and defence interests, compared with £1 million last time, arising from additional business generated by the Gulf war.

Profits pledge at Sketchley

SHAREHOLDERS of Sketchley, the dry cleaning business, were promised a return to pre-tax profits for the half year to end-September at the company's annual meeting. Tony Bloom, the deputy chairman, said that the group had traded profitably during the first four months of the current financial year.

Seacon rises to £717,000

HIGHER investment income and favourable weather helped Seacon Holdings, the shipping and transport group, lift taxable profits to £717,000 (£413,000) in the six months to end-March. Earnings were 4.67p a share, fully diluted, (3.27p). The interim dividend is increased from 1.2p to 1.5p.

Young increases 18%

YOUNG Group, the USM private coal miner, has reported an 18 per cent improvement in interim pre-tax profits after last year's slump in the company's performance.

Robert Young, the chairman, said that the recovery in profits to £756,000 for the six months to end-June was because of better industry conditions and "measures taken to increase efficiency and reduce costs". In 1990 first-half pre-tax profits were more than halved because of depressed coal prices. The interim dividend is maintained at 2.6p.

Kerry Group soars 70%

KERRY Group, the Irish food and agricultural concern, has increased pre-tax profits in the first half by 70 per cent to Ir£9 million (£8.14 million) from Ir£5.3 million for the six months to end-June. The company is to pay an interim dividend on its A and B ordinary shares of Ir0.75p against Ir0.71p last time.

Rea plunges to £402,000

REA Brothers, the minimerchant bank, has become the latest bank to suffer from bad debts as its pre-tax profit in the first half plunged 23 per cent to £402,000. Underlying profits rose by £97,000 to £802,000 because of a strong performance from its offshore subsidiaries in Guernsey and the Isle of Man. The interim dividend is held at 0.25p.

Clearmark suspended

SHARES in Clearmark Group, the USM toys and sports goods company that has a joint venture agreement with a Soviet football team, were suspended at 5p yesterday "pending clarification of the company's financial position".

Clearmark, which has not paid a dividend since 1986, announced plans for a refinancing in April after reporting increased losses of £3.27 million. In September last year, Clearmark signed an advertising and sponsorship deal with Dynamo, the Soviet club.

STOCK MARKET

Share prices regain ground as uneasy calm returns to market

A SENSE of calm returned to the Square Mile, with share prices clawing back some of the heavy losses recorded in the wake of Monday's upheavals in the Soviet Union.

But the rally was a fragile affair with conditions remaining thin and volatile. Dealers have been warning clients that a further deterioration in the situation could prompt further losses. The FT-SE 100 index spent a nervous time watching an early lead of 31.6 whittled away as investors remained on the sidelines unwilling to open new positions ahead of the Bank Holiday.

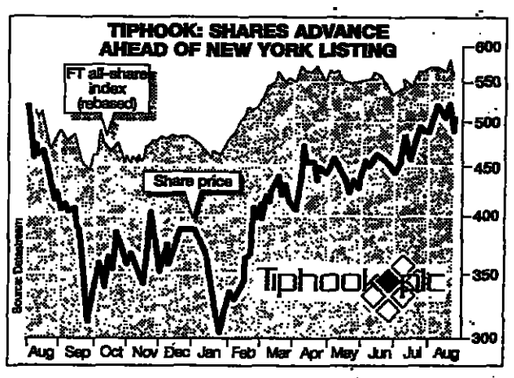
This suited market-makers. Most of them are short of stock and would find themselves unable to cope with a steady stream of buying orders. Dealers reported large numbers of buyers at the lower levels on Monday.

Prices rallied around midmorning after a flurry of demand in the futures market, where wild reports were circulating that Mikhail Gorbachev was back in the Kremlin.

The story was later denied and the equity market was again left to establish a new trading level, without much success. Not even the Dow Jones average, recording an early 22 point lead in New York, was enough to breathe life into a shell-shocked London market. The index eventually closed 14.0 higher at 2,554.5. Turnover was pitifully thin with only 336 million shares traded.

Government securities displayed gains of £⅛ at the longer end amid hopes of another cut in interest rates.

Defence companies made headway on mounting speculation that a resumption of the cold war could lead to more, not less, being spent by the government on military equipment. GEC firmed 1p to 190p, Smiths Industries 7p to 272p, British Aerospace 3p to 565p, and Hawker Siddeley 16p to 577p. They recorded only limited falls on Monday.



Tiphook, the fast-growing container and trailer rental group headed by Robert Montague, breached the £5 level with a rise of 10p to 504p. The group has applied to the New York Stock Exchange to list its shares in the form of American Depository Receipts. Trading is expected to start in October. Mr Montague said: "A growing number of institutional and retail investors in the US have shown interest in Tiphook. Our New York listing will allow a worldwide market in our shares to develop". Tiphook is already quoted in both London and Frankfurt.

BICC was a weak market, falling 11p to 430p following a dismal set of interim figures from its Australian subsidiary, Metal Manufacturers, showing half year pre-tax profits down from $A34 million to $A2.9 million. Analysts are now suffering a last minute bout of anxiety about interim figures from BICC expected today. They had been forecasting profits of between £60 million and £80 million compared with £100 million last time. But many are now worried the outturn could be at the bottom end of estimates.

APV advanced 5p to 122p after soothing City worries about its connections with Russia. The group says it has no current contracts and has been paid in full for previous contracts in the Soviet Union. It still has a number of personnel there and remains in touch with them.

The banking sector failed to join in the rally seen elsewhere in the market with prices remaining under a cloud. Earlier this week there were suggestions that loans to Russia could mean further provisions for bad and doubtful debts. But its seems the bulk of loans to that country have been made by German and French banks. The exposure of their British counterparts appears negligible. National Westminster was 1p firmer at 336p and Royal Bank of Scotland was up 3p at 178p while Bank of Scotland was unchanged at 116p. But there were falls for Barclays, 5p to 453p, Lloyds 2p to 376p, and Midland 4p to 247p.

Meanwhile, TSB Group slipped 3p to 145½p after Don McCrickard, chief executive, hinted that the group was linking up with a big European finance house. Commerzbank is seen as the most likely suitor but TSB denied any move was imminent.

Oil shares continued to make headway with the oil price still above $20 a barrel on world markets because of the upheaval in the Soviet Union, a big oil producer. BP led the way with a rise of 7p to 339p followed by Enterprise 12p to 512p, Lasmo 8p to 326p, Shell 6p to 528p and Ultramar 4p to 258p.

London & Clydesdale dropped 12p to 133p after warning that it could see no sign of an upturn in the Scottish property market. Elsewhere in the property sector Mountleigh firmed 1p to 23p despite only 12 per cent of its £96 million rights issue being taken up.

Carbo, the Manchester lubricants group, jumped 11p to 241p after receiving an agreed £33.3 million bid from Hopkinsons, the Yorkshire engineer, down 2p at 79p.

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Tentative signs of recovery have appeared at Globe Petroleum, the oil exploration group that used to trade under the name of Far East Resources, with the price jumping 5p to 38p. Earlier this year, the group graduated from the Third Market to a full listing after a number of acquisitions that are now starting to bear fruit. Dealers say they expect good news soon.

Moscow rumours cut Dow gains

New York

SHARES steadied at higher levels for most of the morning with the market showing little reaction to comments from President Bush that he had assured Boris Yeltsin of America's support for President Gorbachev's return.

Later, however, they cut most of their gains, amid rumours from Moscow that an attacking force was on its way to the Russia parliament. The Dow Jones industrial average, at one time 29 points up, lost ground to 2,906.75, 8.72 up, by late morning.

Eugene Peroni, of Janney Montgomery Scott, said, the market's rebound from Monday's losses was mainly a technical reaction to an oversold condition. Advancing shares outpaced decliners by about ten to three.

Tokyo – Prices rebounded as investors moved in to snatch up bargains created by Monday's collapse. The Nikkei average rose 230.30, or 1 per cent, to close at 21,687.06 on volume of 330 million shares. Declining shares led advancing shares 550 to 402.

Dealers said European and domestic institutional investors deemed prices excessively low and went bargain hunting.

Sydney – The market maintained early, strong gains to close higher with the All Ordinaries index ending at 1524.4, up 22.3 points. Bargain hunters picked up cheap stocks while investors continued to monitor overseas markets and events in the Soviet Union. Brokers said any impact the federal budget may have had was overridden by the continued jitters over the ousting of President Gorbachev.

Singapore – Share prices closed broadly higher as short-covering and bargain hunting helped recoup nearly half of Monday's sharp losses. The Straits Times industrial index closed 36.85 points higher at 1,346.08 after Monday's 84.51-point fall.

Frankfurt – German shares ended a moderate volume session 1.9 per cent higher, making a sizeable pick in Monday's 9.4 per cent loss. The 30-share DAX index ended 29 points higher at 1,526.93 after plunging 155.40 points to 1497.93 on Monday.

	Aug 20 midday	Aug 19 close		Aug 20 midday	Aug 19 close		Aug 20 midday	Aug 19 close
Abbott Lab	52¾	52¾	Exxon	61	61¼	Qryst Engy	32¾	32¾
Aetna Life	37¾	37¾	Fluorgy	24¾	24¾	Pac Enl	28¾	28¾
Ahmanson	19¾	19¾	Ford	23	23¾	Pac Gas Elec	25¾	25¾
Air Prods	63¾	63¾	Gelco	57	57¾	Pac Telesis	40¾	40¾
Albertsons	40¾	39¾	Gen Motors	57¾	57¾	Pacear	42¼	42¼
Alcan Al	19¾	19¾	Gen Motors E	38¾	38¾	PacMicrop	21¾	21¾
Alco Stand	32¾	32	Gen Motors H	24¾	24¾	Pall	36¾	37
Allied Signal	37¾	38¾	Gen Motors J	40¾	40¾	Paramount	36¾	36¾
Alcoa CA	66¾	66¾	Genuine Pts	46¾	46¾	Peter-Hanin	25¾	25¾
Am Brands	42¾	41¾	Ford Motor	29¾	30	Penney	50¾	50¾
Am Cyanamid	61¾	60¾	FPL	33¾	32¾	Pennzoil	67	67¾
Am EPC	28¾	28¾	Fst Chicago	25¾	26¾	Pepsico	31¾	30¾
Am General	36¾	36¾	Fst Interstate	34¾	34¾	Pfizer	63¾	63
Am Home	60¾	61¾	Fst Union	23¾	23	Philips Pet	24¾	24¾
Am Intl	82	81¾	Gannett	44¾	44	Phillips Elec	20¾	20¾
Am Stores	39¾	39¾	GAP	40	40¾	Philip Morris	70¾	69¾
Amax	20	20¾	Gen Cinema	20¾	20¾	Philps Dodge	64¾	65
Amer Hess	66¾	67	Gen Elec	70¾	70¾	Pitney Bow	58	57¾
Ameritech	59¾	59¾	Gen Mills	60¾	60¾	Placer Dm	12¾	12¾
Amoc	35¾	35	Gen Motors	36¾	36¾	PNC Fnd	39¾	39¾
Amoco	51¾	51¾	Gen RE	67	67¾	Potlatch Estn	12¾	12
AMP	50¾	50¾	Gen Signal	41¾	41¾	Potomac	24¾	24¾
AMR	56¾	57	Genuine Pts	39¾	39¾	PPG Inds	51¾	52
Anheuser-B	51	50¾	Georgia-Pac	52¾	52	Procr Gamble	80¾	80
Apple Comp	30¾	30¾	Gillette	39¾	39¾	Psbs	60¾	60¾
Archer-Dan	23	22¾	Goodrich	41¾	41	Primerica	31¾	31¾
Arkla	16	14¾	Goodyear	34¾	34¾	Pub Service	27¾	27¾
Asmco	4¾	4¾	Grace	35¾	35¾	Quaker Oats	59	58
Armstrong	31¾	30¾	Greyhound	34¾	35	Ralston Pur	50¼	49¾
Asarco	23¾	23¾	GT Atlantic	40	39¾	Raychem	29¾	29¾
Ashland Oil	29¾	29¾	GT Western	19¾	19	Raytheon	86¾	87
AT&T	56¾	56¾	GTE	29¾	29¾	Reebok	30¾	30
Atlan Richfld	119¾	120	Halliburtn	37	36¾	Roadway	47¾	48¾
Auto DP	31¾	31¾	Heinz	44¾	44¾	Rockwell	25¾	25¾
Avery Denn	22¾	22	Hercules	40¾	40¾	Rohm Haas	41¾	41¾
Avon Prod	46	46¾	Hershey Fd	40¾	40¾	Royal Dutch	77¾	77¾
Baltimore	23¾	23¾	Hewlett Pkd	50	49¾	Rubbermaid	55¾	57¾
Banc One	44¼	44¼	Hilton Hd	38¾	37¾	Ryder Md	58¾	58¾
Bankamerica	41¾	41	Home Depot	48¾	49	Safeco	37¾	37
Bard	23¾	22¾	Homestake	15¾	15¾	Sanwon	26¾	26¾
Barnett Bk	32¾	32¾	Honeywell	54¾	54¾	Sante Fe Pac	9	9¾
Bausch Lomb	43¾	43¾	Household Int	37¾	37¾	Sara Lee	43¾	42¾
Baxter Intl	34¾	33¾	Howtld Intl	54¾	54¾	Schecorp	42¾	42¾
Bec Dickin	37¾	37¾	Humana	31¾	30¾	Schlumbgr	65¾	66¾
Bell Atlan	45¾	45¾	IBM	86¾	86	Schrg-Plgh	62¾	62
Bellsouth	46¾	46¾	IFSF	82	81¾	Scott Paper	39¾	39¾
Bkr Hughes	23¾	23¾	Illinois TW	59¾	59¾	Seagram	108¾	108¾
Black Decker	15¾	15¾	Inco	34¾	34¾	Sears Rbk	40¾	40
Block	59¾	58¾	Ingsol-Rand	45¾	45¾	Secrty Pac	33¾	33¾
Boeing	58¾	58¾	Inland Steel	20¾	20¾	Sherwin-Wms	23¾	22¾
Boise Casc	45¾	45¾	Intel	46¾	47¾	Skyline	13¾	14¾
Borden	35¾	35¾	Int Paper	64¾	64¾	Smap-on Tls	31¾	31¾
Brist-Myer	69¾	69¾	ITT	57¾	57¾	Southern	27	26¾
Brnwng-Fer	25¾	25¾	James River	20¾	20¾	St Paul	64¾	64¾
Burl Nth	29	29	Johnson Jhsn	67¾	67	Stanley Wk	37¾	38¾
CAI	9¾	9¾	K Mart	42¾	42¾	Stone Cntr	17¾	17¾
Campbell Sp	79¾	78¾	Kellogg	104¾	104¾	Sun Co	29¾	29¾
Cap Cities	431	436¾	Kerr-McGee	41¾	41¾	Sunbst Bk	32¾	31¾
Capital HC	46	45¾	Kimbly-Clrk	91¾	91¾	Super Valu	27¾	27¾
Carolina	49¾	46¾	Knight-Ridr	52¾	53¾	SW Bell	62¾	61¾
Caterpillar	45¾	46¾	Kroger	78¾	77¾	Syntex	44	43¾
CBS	158	158¾	Lilly Eli	82¾	82¾	Sysco	42¾	42¾
General SW	46¾	46¾	Limited	27¾	28¾	Tandem	11¾	11¾
Champion	25¾	25¾	Lincln Nat	47¾	47¾	Tandy	25	24¾
Chase Man	20¾	19¾	Litton Ind	84¾	84¾	Tele-comm	13¾	13¾
Chem Bnkg	25¾	25¾	Lockheed	45¾	44¾	Teledyne	19	18¾
Chevron	69¾	69¾	Louis-Pac	40¾	40¾	Temple-In	42¾	42¾
Chrysler	11¾	11¾	Manu Hanv	30	29¾	Tenneco	37¾	38¾
Chubb	65	64¾	Marriott	16¾	16¾	Tesoro	62¾	62
Cigna	42¾	42¾	Marsh Mclen	75¾	75¾	Texas Inst	30¾	30¾
Citicorp	14¾	14¾	Martin Mar	58¾	57¾	Texas Util	37¾	37¾
Clorox	42¾	42¾	Masco	21¾	21¾	Textron	32¾	32¾
Clorox Ltz	42¾	42¾	May Dept	56¾	56¾	Thos Wtsr	81¾	81
Coca-Cola	39¾	40¾	Maytag	14¾	14¾	Timex Mfr	30¾	31
Colgate-Pal	63¾	63¾	McDnl Doug	53¾	51¾	Timken	25¾	25¾
Columb Gas	77	77	McDonalds	31	31	Torchmark	47¾	46¾
Comdisco	23¾	23¾	McGraw-Hill	64¾	65¾	Toys R Us	31¾	31¾
Compaq	84¾	85¾	MCI Comm	28¾	28¾	Transam	33	32¾
Conagra	44	43¾	Mead	30¾	31	Travelers	19¾	19¾
Cons Edis	34¾	34¾	Medtronic	122¾	122¾	Tribune	44¾	44¾
Cons Nat Gs	38¾	38¾	Mellon Bk	32¾	31¾	TRW	42¾	42¾
Conte Rail	67¾	67¾	Merck	122¾	122¾	Tyco Lab	39¾	39
Cooper Ind	51¾	51¾	Merrill Lynch	39¾	39¾	UAL	129¾	133¾
Corning	64¾	65¾	Micrsemic	84¾	84¾	Un Camp	41¾	42
CPC Intl	67¾	67¾	Mobil	86¾	86¾	Un Carbide	20¾	20¾
Crown Cork	52¾	52¾	Monsanto	69¾	69	Un Pacific	62¾	62¾
CSX	47¾	47	Moore	24¾	24¾	Unilever	76¾	75¾
Dana	27¾	28¾	Morgan JP	52¾	51¾	Unisys	4¾	4¾
Dayton-Hud	72¾	72¾	Morrison	64¾	64¾	Unocal	25¾	24¾
Deere	47¾	48¾	Nat Medical	44¾	44¾	Upjohn	43¾	43¾
Delta Air	68	69¾	Nat Semi	5¾	5¾	US Life	40¾	40
Deluxe	44¾	44¾	Nat Service	23¾	23	US West	35¾	35¾
Detroit Ed	28¾	28¾	Navistar	2¾	2¾	Ustr Gp	11¾	11¾
Digital Eq	60¾	59¾	NCNB	37¾	37¾	USF&G	6¾	6¾
Dillard	126	129	NCR	107¾	107¾	UST	46¾	46
Disney	113¾	113¾	NEC Shop	41¾	41¾	USX Mar	29	28¾
Dominion	50¾	50¾	Newmnt Min	36¾	37	Utd Tech	44¾	43¾
Donnelley	44¾	45	Nlagr Mwk	15¾	15¾	Utd Telcm	25¾	25¾
Dover	35¾	35¾	Nike	44¾	45	VF	30¾	29¾
Dow Chem	50¾	50¾	NL Indstrs	15¾	15¾	Wal-Mart	46¾	47¾
Dow Jones	25¾	25¾	Nordstrm	48¾	47¾	Waste Mgmt	36¾	36¾
Dresser Ind	20¾	20¾	North. Sthn	47	46¾	Wells Fargo	70¾	73¾
Du Pont	46¾	45¾	Norwest	32	31¾	Westg Elec	22¾	22¾
Duke Pwr	29¾	29¾	Nthn St Pwr	36¾	36¾	Weyerhsr	25¾	25¾
Dun Bradst	42¾	43¾	Nthn Telcm	37¾	37¾	Whirlpool	35	34¾
East Kodak	41¾	41¾	NY Times	21¾	21¾	Woolworth	12¾	13
Eaton	61	60¾	Nynex	74¾	73¾	Wms-Dole	34¾	34¾
Emerson El	46¾	45¾	Ocdtl Petrl	23¾	23	Wrigley	60¾	61
			Ohio Ed	19¾	18¾	Wmer-Lamb	68¾	68
			Oracle Sys	9¾	9¾	Xerox	53¾	53¾

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New York:		Paris: CAC	462.55 (–2.49)
Dow Jones	2903.85 (+5.82)*	Zurich: SKA Gen	512.7 (+11.2)
S&P Composite	377.56 (+1.09)*		
Tokyo:		London:	
Nikkei Average	21687.08 (+230.30)	FT–A All-Share	1225.58 (+9.35)
Hong Kong:		FT–"500"	1359.58 (+10.96)
Hang Seng	3848.44 (+125.69)	FT Gold Mines	181.3 (–3.1)
FT-SE Euro 100	1066.99 (+26.23)	FT Fixed-Interest	94.80 (same)
Amsterdam:		FT Govt Secs	85.61 (+0.02)
CBS Tendency	89.2 (+1.4)	Bargains	26726
Sydney: AO	1524.4 (+22.3)	SEAQ Volume	432.3m
Frankfurt: DAX	1526.93 (+29.00)	USM (Datastream)	123.37 (+1.27)
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Hang Seng bounces back 3.38%

Hong Kong

SHARE prices recovered from Monday's huge losses triggered by the news of Mikhail Gorbachev's fall. The Hang Seng index, which had plunged 340.53 points, or 8.38 per cent, regained 125.69 points, or 3.38 per cent, to close at 3,848.44.

Brokers said the market stabilised in early trading. Share prices jumped off to a 115-point gain in the opening minutes of action but renewed worry over the situation in the Soviet Union eroded the gains. The market ended the morning session up 75.76 points.

A surge of bargain-hunting bolstered by a recovery on the Tokyo stock exchange sent issues sharply higher in the afternoon. "We had a good rebound and very good volume," Howard Gorges, of South China Securities, said. "But we're not out of the woods yet. Nobody knows what will happen in the Soviet Union."

Volume was a very heavy HK$3.2 billion (£256 million), up from Monday's turnover of HK$2.7 billion. (*Reuter*)

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Gold begins to lose its glitter

COMMENT

There can no longer be any rules as far as gold and world events are concerned. Precious metal markets yesterday dumbfounded their followers when, despite tanks at the Kremlin, gold fell $6.25 to close at $354 an ounce. That is lower than at the outbreak of the Gulf war.

Platinum lost $7.75 to $346.75 an ounce, silver was weaker and, alone shone with the cash price $82.50 higher at $8,290 a tonne.

The Soviet Union is the world's second largest producer of gold, a significant producer of platinum and palladium, and accounts for 21.7 per cent of world nickel production.

The fear is that foreign exchange gold swaps which have already been arranged by Russia with the West could be in danger of being unwound, therefore flooding an already well supplied market with yet more gold.

Gold producers, both individuals and governments, took advantage of the metal's brief flurry to $365 on Monday to sell into the market. Platinum continues to be dogged by a heavy metal overhang in Japan and by perceived fears of substitution.

If Soviet mines are not disrupted by strikes, the temptation to generate badly needed foreign exchange through the anonymity of the world's bullion markets will be hard for the Russians to resist.

What excitement there may be could be in the oil markets, though October Brent crude prices were relatively stable yesterday. The Soviet Union, the world's largest oil producer, pumps 10 million barrels a day and export 2 million barrels. Supply disruption as Europe approaches the high-demand winter season would tighten markets.

Gloom, meanwhile, reigns in the Chicago grain markets as traders try to assess the damage to maize, soyabeans and wheat demand if American agricultural credit lines are withdrawn.

If gold is again to assume the political clout it once had in times of turmoil, it is going to take more than tanks at the gates of Moscow.

Funny money

By simply adding the summer pickup in retail sales to the rebound in lending pictured in yesterday's money supply data from the Bank of England, one might be tempted to make a case for the economy having started to gather pace after a year of recession.

Indeed, one might think that the persistant claims by Norman Lamont, the Chancellor, that recovery will be upon us by the end of the year, look positively reasonable.

After all, the bank and building society lending component of the broad money measure, M4, increased by £3.4 billion in July, healthily above the £2.8 billion average monthly rise of the past six months, and a huge improvement from the alarmingly small, if freakish, £400 million rise in June.

But one would be ill-advised to draw too much comfort from a single month's data, especially from the seasonally-adjusted money supply numbers.

Lord Inchyra, secretary-general of the Association of British Bankers, has a clear view, shared widely in the City: "Lending remains weak, with a modest rise in mortgage business, more than outweighed by repayments of corporate borrowing."

There are also serious reservations about the accuracy of the seasonal adjustments and about the distorting effect of large privatisation issues on lending. Last month, the last tranche of the water industry disposal was the culprit.

Eastern block

According to Werner Varga, economist at Austria's Creditanstalt: "Money has the courage of a rabbit, the memory of an elephant and the legs of antelope." His remarks came in a reference to the implication of the Soviet *putsch* for eastern Europe.

First indications that Western companies are already on the run came with a warning by KPMG, the international firm of auditors, which urged its business clients to treat Eastern Europe with caution, and to put off investment plans for the time being. The warning, though premature is plausible nevertheless.

Trade with the Soviet Union, still vital for many Eastern European companies, has already fallen by half since the dismantling of Comecon last year. The return of the hardliners in the Soviet Union, and an abandonment of effective economic reform, will damage the prospects for eastern European companies. The east European implications of the Soviet coup d'etat is central to the debate over what constitutes the correct Western response.

EC foreign ministers yesterday decided at an emergency meeting in The Hague to freeze aid worth over $1 billion. This might serve well as a gesture of western outrage. But some of this aid could be diverted to other eastern European countries. The EC could also revive some of its lacklustre efforts to bring about an associate EC member status for Poland, Czechoslovakia and Hungary, with a view to early full membership at some stage during this decade. The EC can do little, economically, to change events in the Soviet Union, but it can, and should, help Eastern Europe, whose economic reform programme cannot do without Western investment.

British Gas thrives where UK industry fears to tread

THE overthrow of Mikhail Gorbachev appears to vindicate the reluctance of British industry to commit itself to long-term projects in eastern Europe without firm evidence that recent changes cannot be easily reversed.

For unlike most of its European partners, notably Germany, France and Italy, British industry has been cautious about investment prospects in eastern Europe and even in Germany, fearing it will be many years before a good return is achieved on capital ploughed into the region.

There are some notable exceptions. British Gas has been surprisingly imaginative in its approach and nimble-footed in negotiations with authorities in eastern Germany, who are still cautious about private sector provision of utilities, let alone big foreign companies. British Gas is to invest up to £100 million over five years in the development of gas distribution interests in eastern Germany.

This follows the acquisition of shareholdings in two new distribution companies. Negotiations continue over stakes in another two distributors while Gas has also been offered a 5 per cent interest in Verbundnetzgas, which will be responsible for principal gas pipelines in eastern Germany.

Shareholdings of 25.5 and 24 per cent in the companies serving the Leipzig and Halle regions, respectively, with a combined population of more than 4 million, were acquired after an agreement with the Treuhandanstalt, the agency responsible for privatisation in eastern Germany.

British Gas's partners are Vereinigte Elektrizitätswerke (VEW) and municipalities in the region, which will continue to play a leading role in the provision of utility services.

British Gas has also established contact with authorities in Hungary, Czechoslovakia, Poland and the Soviet Union, where the supply of services such as gas and electricity will eventually be overhauled with the help of western companies. At seminars across eastern Europe, British Gas has introduced itself to governments, outlining its own transition from a state-run utility.

Its efforts have not been restricted to gas. Last month, agreement was reached with agencies in the USSR to buy a 50 per cent interest, with Gulf Canada Resources, to produce oil in northern Russia. Total investment will be about £520 million. The long-term nature of the scheme suggests plans are unlikely to change because of the events in Moscow.



Steaming ahead: British Gas invests in east Germany

Having put a foot into several doors, British Gas is confident it can obtain a commercial return on its investments. Natural gas, which accounts for about 10 per cent of energy requirements, is seen as an acceptable fuel in a region with acute environmental problems. There are, however, logistical hurdles. In eastern Germany, conversion from locally-produced brown coal, which has served industry and domestic users, will only be phased out gradually.

In urban districts, water is often heated in a central unit and then piped to individual apartments. Gas is generally sourced from coal and supplied for cooking through heavily eroded pipes that must be replaced before an efficient distribution system can exist. If natural gas is to become a primary fuel, pipelines from the Norwegian fields must be extended into eastern Germany to supplement supplies now available from the Soviet Union.

But despite these difficulties Gas has seized the chance to invest in eastern Germany with firm hands. Few possibilities exist in western Europe apart from eastern Europe only North America offers significant openings. The group is anxious to reduce its dependence on the domestic market.

Since privatisation in 1986, Gas has advanced in its quest to become a global energy company through diversification into oil exploration and production and investment in gas distribution outside Britain, a development that is only now beginning to come through at the bottom line.

In the year to end-March, operating profits from overseas gas supply and exploration and production activities were £332 million, still a relatively modest share of total operating profits of nearly £1.66 billion but rising steadily from £149 million last time.

Last year's Can$1.1 billion (£591 million) acquisition of Consumers Gas, Canada's biggest natural gas distributor, was a significant breakthrough for a company whose initial attempts at diversification were fraught with problems.

There was a false start in 1987, also in Canada, when British Gas was blocked by Ottawa from taking a majority stake in Bow Valley Industries and had to settle for a 33 per cent voting interest for almost £350 million. In February 1988 it was obliged to drop the £298 million purchase of 70 per cent of Petroleum Corporation in New Zealand after public opposition.

Also in 1988, the £370 million takeover of Acre Oil, the British independent exploration and production company, was followed by the ill-fated raid on Lasmo. By way of consolation, Gas bagged Tenneco's non-American oil interests for $194 million; the price was considered extravagant by some analysts.

Despite these setbacks British Gas now generates about 20 per cent of operating profits from businesses unconnected with gas supply in Britain and it is no coincidence that these new businesses are outside the remit of Ofgas, the increasingly militant watchdog.

The regulatory environment elsewhere can be just as stringent, so City concern about the impact of government intervention is unlikely to diminish as the overseas profit stream grows. Even so, political pressure for greater tariff control will undoubtedly diminish if Gas can demonstrate that earnings growth is being driven by overseas activities and not at the expense of domestic consumers.

MARTIN BARROW

Efforts in eastern Europe have not been restricted to gas

TEMPUS

Willis looks to Sovereign sale

WILLIS Corroon is the latest to join the chorus of the underwriters' lament. The insurance group's British underwriting businesses punched a nasty hole in the group's half-year figures and spoiled the honeymoon period of the merger between Willis Faber and Corroon & Black.

Willis, which merged with Corroon last October, reported pre-tax profits of £69.4 million in the first half, compared with £57.7 million reported last time. In reality, however, the profits of the combined group fell 5 per cent due to the underwriting losses.

The British underwriting businesses lost a total £10.5 million during the six-month period, although £4.9 million was taken as an extraordinary item. Sovereign, the main underwriting subsidiary, is exposed to all the wrong areas of the London market, particularly catastrophe reinsurance.

Little wonder that Willis decided in May to jettison Sovereign. The group hopes to conclude negotiations by September but may have to make substantial provisions against future claims to be able to sell the business. Anyone buying underwriting capacity in the present market is either mad or driving a very hard bargain.

The underwriting losses depressed an already dull performance from Willis' main broking business. Pre-tax profits from broking were £69.1 million, only 1 per cent higher that last time. The group is struggling against rising costs and weak premiums in both the British and American markets.

The sluggish performance is depressing earnings. Originally Willis had hoped to maintain the group's earnings per share while the merger was settling down. Now it seems they will suffer serious dilution this year and possibly next. Earnings per share in the half year fell 30 per cent to 10.9p, leaving the 6.6p dividend covered less than 1.7 times.

Assuming the disposal of Sovereign goes ahead as planned and its future losses can be charged against reserves, Willis should make £110 million this year. Earnings per share, however, could be down by more than 15 per cent to 16p. With the shares at 301p, this puts the group on a future earnings multiple of 19, high enough until the group completes Sovereign's disposal.

Pentland

PENTLAND Group, which for years ran west with Reebok, is now running east with Adidas and Speedo, and had at its heels net cash of £183.7 million as at June 30.

April's sale of 20 per cent of Reebok, bringing in £224.5 million, changes the financial nature of Pentland's accounts, and interim pre-tax profits for the six months to end-June at £6 million are compared with a pro forma £6.3 million. Operating profit from continuing operations was £3.9 million (£2.6 million) in the first half.

Interim net earnings are down from 1.69p to 1.42p a share, but at least Pentland has started to come out of its dividend shell. This time it is paying 0.9375p per share — compared with 0.75p for the previous 12-month period, and 0.3125p for the comparable half of last year.

Since end-June, Pentland has paid £46 million for 20.05 per cent of Adidas, and an eventual tilt for a majority position should not be ruled out. Meanwhile, a 13 per cent stake in Reebok (market value £210 million, against a Pentland book value of £41 million) is retained, and further consumer-related acquisitions are being sought.

Cash balances that are currently between £120 million and £130 million will generate useful interest income in the second half, and if Pentland can repeat the margin magic of Reebok at Adidas, then there will be smart profit increases to which to look forward.

For this year, Pentland looks on course for pre-tax profits of £20 million against a pro forma £10 million pre-tax profit seen last year.

The shares have travelled from a November 12-month low of 37p to yesterday's 93p, where they trade on 20.2 times prospective earnings. Hold on.

THE TIMES CITY DIARY

Inside ear on Moscow

CITY friends are rallying round Professor Gyorgi Matyukhin, chairman of the Central Bank of the Russian Federation, to help pay his expenses for a trip to London. Matyukhin, a close ally of Boris Yeltsin, and who probably knows more about what is going on in the Soviet Union at the moment than anyone else outside Moscow, will be singing for his supper — or speaking — at a private dinner at the Savoy Hotel tomorrow. Humphrey Harrison, the ex-Kitcat stockbroker who now runs Europe Energy Environment, an oil consultancy specialising in east and central Europe, has a further six tickets to sell, at £375 a head, to complete his table plan for 18 people. He hopes to attract senior industrialists and financiers. "He is a friend, so I rang him on Monday to check that he was all right," says Harrison. "His secretary told me that he was on the Continent, so I organised a visa for him to come here. He is the man who decides all the financial, economic and monetary policy for the Russian Federation and he will talk about the coup d'état and the tensions behind it."

INSURANCE-SPEAK from America: Pensioners, clearly regarded as a soft touch within the insurance trade, are now being referred to as "chronologically gifted".

Freeman to bow out

DAVID Freeman, who founded the successful City law firm DJ Freeman, in a one-roomed office above a greengrocer in Cannon Street — "I was 24 years old, married, with a six-month old son, and it was all terribly risky," he recalls — will be retiring as its senior partner on March 17, the firm's fortieth anniversary. Freeman, aged 63, will leave a 53-partner firm, employing 300 people. His clients have included Robert Maxwell, whom he advised during the 1970 DTI enquiry. "But I will not be completely disappearing off the scene," he says. He hopes to continue working three days a week, but without any administrative responsibility. In his spare time he and his wife, Iris, also a solicitor, will continue as governors of the Royal Shakespeare Company, and he will soon be in a position to assist her with a book she is writing, Lord Denning's biography.

A TRAVELLING stockbroker spotted the following notice in a bar in Bangkok: "We do not take cheque. It bounce, we get angry. Better you get angry."

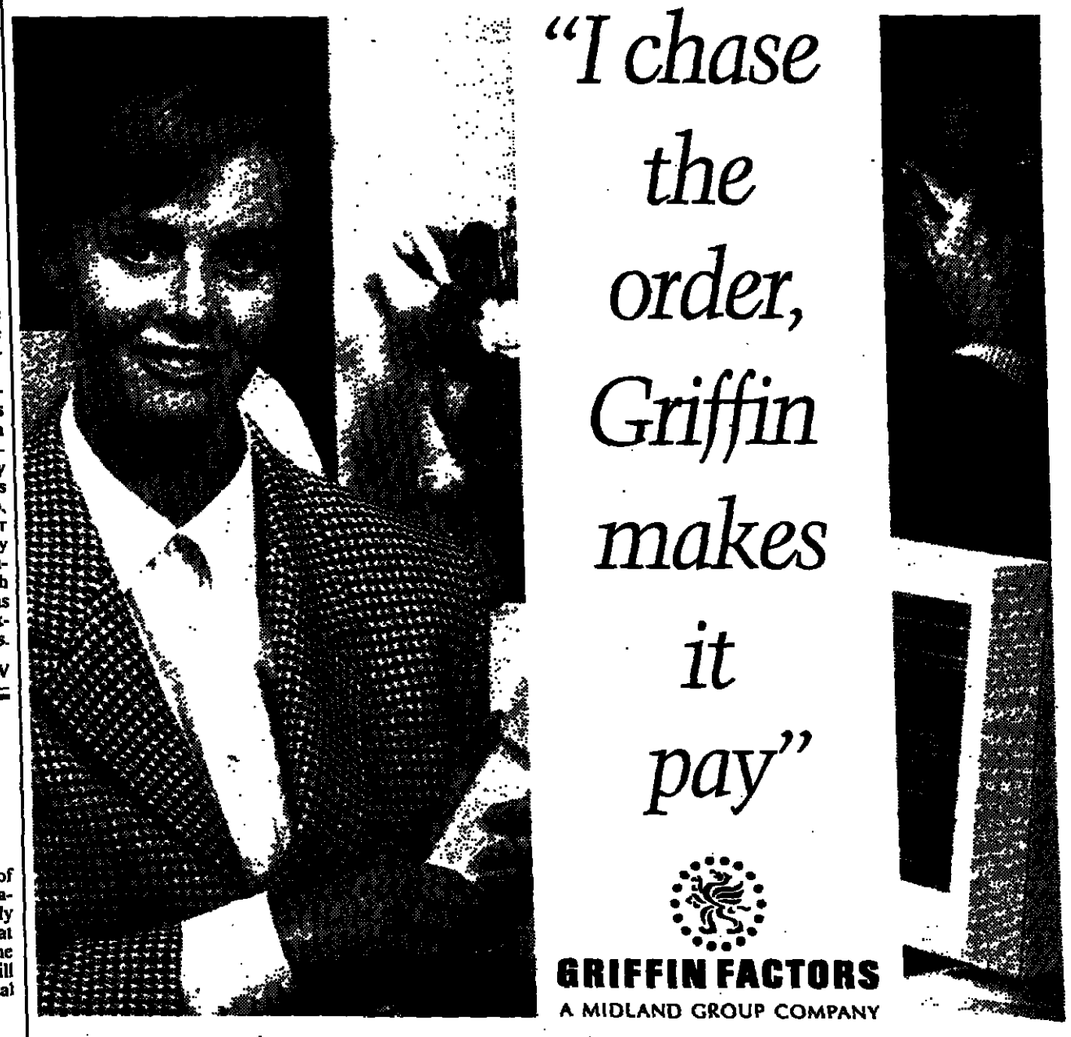
The new poor

GIVEN the on-going recession, Britain's charities are, it seems, having to move with the times if they are to continue to appeal for funds. The latest concept is a redundancy party, a celebration, if you like, for all those people who have lost their jobs. Billed as "A night out for the *Nouveaux Pauvres*", it is being held at The Limelight Club, London, next month, and promises the usual excesses of food, drink and dancing. Patrons who look even remotely affluent will be turned away at the door. The only rub is the price — £22 a head which will go to Care, an international relief agency.

Out in the cold

CHANGES at Crédit Suisse Asset Management have left one of the firm's longest serving dealers out in the cold. Paul Mayhed, who joined Buckmaster & Moore, one of the constituent firms, 29 years ago, was made redundant last week. The news was delivered by courier to his home, where he was relaxing on holiday. "We didn't want him to hear through the grapevine," says Harry France, chairman of CSAM, which dropped Buckmaster & Moore from its title in April. Mayhed, aged 45, dealt in South African mining stocks early in his career, and more recently worked on the options desk.

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Buy in US continues Porter expansion

PORTER Chadburn, the sports goods to packaging business, has paid $1.3 million for a Texas producer of self-adhesive labels, Jones Custom Products. The approximate value of the assets acquired is $250,000.

Porter's self-adhesive label operation in Texas is to be merged with Jones to improve profitability, it said. Three weeks ago the group bought the Adam Leisure division of Hawthorn Leslie, the troubled industrial holding company.

BICC slides

Shares in BICC, the cables-to-construction group, fell 6p to 435p after Metal Manufactures, its 61.6 per cent-owned Australian business, reported a fall in interim net profits to Aus$306,000 (£146,000) from Aus$20.4 million and passed a dividend. BICC's interims are due today, and a fall to about £75.0 million against £100 million last time is expected.

Kelt go-ahead

The European Commission has given final clearance to the financial restructuring of Kelt Energy, the British oil and gas exploration group, by an eight-bank syndicate led by American Express. The bank syndicate will acquire all shares in Kelt Energy's subsidiary, Kelt Exploration, and some of Kelt's other assets.

Fletcher falls

Fletcher Challenge, New Zealand's biggest industrial company, reported its first profit fall in eight years, and foresees mixed fortunes for the commodities it operates in 1991-2. FCL's net profit in the year to June 30 fell to Aus$555.0 million (£264 million) from Aus$662.44 million.

Tiphook listing

Tiphook is to apply to list its American Depositary Receipts on the New York Stock Exchange. It said the Bank of New York would act as depositary and trading was expected to start in October under the symbol TPH.

UMECO buys

UMECO, the specialist engineering business, is buying the business and certain assets, mainly stock, of Aviation Supplies Company for £500,000, in new shares and cash.

Li Ka Shing caution on profits surprises Hong Kong analysts

From LULU YU
IN HONG KONG

LI KA SHING, one of Hong Kong's wealthiest businessmen, sounded a note of caution yesterday after announcing higher interim profits for Hutchison Whampoa and Cheung Kong Holdings, his flagship companies.

Mr Li, chairman of both companies, surprised analysts by saying that Hutchison could see no profit growth for this year.

The Hutchison group, which acquired a 75 per cent stake in port operations at Felixstowe this year, posted an 82 per cent increase in net profits to HK$2.04 billion (£161 million) for the six months to the end of June.

The figure was boosted by an extraordinary gain of HK$946 million from the sale of properties and a 6 per cent stake in Hong Kong International Terminals, of which Hutchison remains the largest owner with 60.5 per cent.

Earnings per share soared 81 per cent to 67 cents, and an interim dividend of 20 cents will be paid, up 11 per cent from the same period last year. Despite the rosy results, and a "satisfactory performance" by Hutchison's businesses in property, retail, containers and telecommunications, Mr Li said profit for the full year was only "expected to be at a similar level to that achieved last year".

Mr Li added: "Even though the group's results to date are substantially ahead of those for the same period last year, this is largely due to the timing of recognition of property development profits."

Analysts have forecast profit growth of between 15 per cent and 40 per cent for this year. The group recorded net earnings of HK$3.52 billion last year.



Flagship firms prosper: but Mr Li is cautious on profits

Mr Li's forecast for Cheung Kong, his property flagship, which owns 40 per cent of Hutchison, was more optimistic. He said Cheung Kong's full-year profits should show a satisfactory increase and that the dividend would be lifted.

The group announced net interim profits up 109 per cent to HK$1.98 billion. Earnings per share rose from 43 cents to 90 cents and an interim dividend of 17 cents per share was declared, up 42 per cent.

Mr Li's companies are set to make huge development profits from the recent surge in property prices.

Mr Li, however, gave warning that this week's political changes in the Soviet Union "may have a destabilising effect on the world politically and economically, which in turn could have a negative influence on Hong Kong's economy".

Cheung Kong's share price rose 80 cents to HK$20, while Hutchison's jumped 50 cents to HK$14.50, in line with the market's rebound after Monday's 8 per cent drop.

Spending fall hits City Centre

By MARTIN BARROW

DEPRESSED consumer spending reduced profits at City Centre Restaurants from £4.6 million before tax to £3.22 million in the six months to end-June.

Earnings fell from 1.65p a share to 1.17p and the interim dividend is held at 0.45p a share.

Operating profits fell £1.05 million to £3.22 million. During the first three months of the year profits fell by £948,000 and by £536,000 during February alone, reflecting weak demand during the Gulf war.

Bruce Johnston, the chairman, said recessionary conditions persisted, although the deterioration had levelled off.

An improvement in the volume of business would have a significant impact on operating profits because of the gearing effect of fixed overhead.

HKSE is forced to reform in 45 days

From OUR CORRESPONDENT
IN HONG KONG

THE Hong Kong Stock Exchange is being forced to adopt a more radical restructure than the one members rejected on Monday.

The colony's securities and futures commission (SFC) yesterday gave the exchange 45 days to implement regulatory reforms by amending the constitution.

A struggle is expected between regulators and Chinese brokers that dominate the exchange and which resent the SFC's method of imposing changes.

The amendments are aimed at broadening representation on the exchange's policy-making council and making the bourse a non-profit institution. The reforms are backed by the government.

The exchange was formed by a merger of four smaller exchanges by Ronald Li, the former chairman, who is in jail for corruption. The exchange is a limited company that has undistributed profits of HK$226 million (£17.7 million).

Exchange and SFC officials earlier agreed to a voluntary restructuring plan, which failed to win the required 75 per cent support from members.

New reforms sought by the SFC go further than those in the voluntary package. Under the SFC package, the number of independent council members would be increased from five to twelve, instead of five to ten under the voluntary package.

The number of freely elected broker members will be reduced from eight to seven, giving more say to larger brokers that generate more business.

Robert Owen, the commission chairman, said: "While the SFC is disappointed that the 75 per cent vote necessary to implement the stock exchange's voluntary package of regulatory reforms was not achieved, we are pleased to see that a majority of members favoured the reforms."

The SFC has asked the exchange to convene another extraordinary meeting to pass the requested amendments, failing which the SFC would bring them into effect under section 50 of the SFC Ordinance.

BUSINESS LETTERS

Opencast plays essential part in coal's future

From R. T. Arguile

Sir, The report you give on British Coal's annual accounts (July 25) is, as usual, very fair and factual and compliments the Corporation, its management and its miners on getting into profit after 13 years "in the red". It does not, however, give certain facts which show what the coal industry is fighting against.

Not a lack of government investment, as the Labour party, Mr Scargill and others seem to think. On May 14, you published a Commons written answer on this. Between 1974 and 1979 the Labour government assisted the coal industry in financing £1,475 million of new investment and provided £401 million in grant aid. From 1979 to 1990 this government has financed £7,212 million of new investment and paid over £14,826 million in grant aid. So much for that.

Productivity has increased over 90 per cent since 1985 but this excellent, improved performance is matched by overseas competition. In our mines, productivity levels of between 600-1,200 tonnes per man year have been achieved. In deep mines in Australia and the USA, figures of between 2,600 and 8,000 tonnes per man year are reached — four times our productivity. Seams there are thicker and not so faulted. One can see why it can be economic to transport deep-mined coal halfway around to world to burn it in our power stations. Geology and the age of our pits are factors against us. The best in many cases has already been taken out.

The 1982 Monopolies and Mergers Commission report on the coal industry showed that only 25 per cent of the pits then being worked were profitable. New virgin coalfields and more opencast sites are needed. Whatever government has been in power the output of our coalfields has contracted steadily from its peak in 1913 (231 million tonnes) to under 90 million tonnes today.

Yet we need an indigenous coal industry and must keep it viable. Let us not be fooled by present cheaper imported coal. Imports from overseas are dependent on too many factors outside our control.

The electricity companies must see that the coal industry cannot be reduced much further. They drive a hard bargain. For example, in North Yorkshire it costs £1.80 per gigajoule to mine a tonne of coal. The generators pay £1.71 per gigajoule for this coal yet charge the customer 7.5 pence per kilowatt hour, or £20.83 per gigajoule.

Meanwhile, the much maligned opencast mining has again produced a profit, the 38th year running it has done so. These profits now total £3,277 million from $34 million tonnes (or an averaged profit over that period of £6.14 per tonne). It provides 19 per cent of the entire British Coal output, coal competitive in price, calorific value, low ash, sulphur and chlorine content to any imported from overseas, yet on all sides it is opposed despite its renowned national and international record for excellent site restoration and reclamation.

It also provides coal for blending with poorer quality deep-mined coal to make the latter saleable. Its reduced performance last year is due mainly to mineral authorities refusing permission for new sites. Yet without it the deep-mines would be in dire trouble. More would face closure. The industry would be reduced still further.

Our future energy supplies lie mainly with coal, oil, gas and in nuclear power. Oil and gas have a lesser life than either coal or nuclear. We must keep a coal industry — deep mines and opencast

Yours faithfully,
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Leicestershire.

The purpose of non executive directors

From the chairman of the Top Pay Research Group

Sir, We operate almost exclusively with non executive directors (NEDs) and compensation committees, who use our experience to help review executive directors pay and performance systems.

As such we see NEDs at their most independent and I don't believe that Noel Falconer's suggestion of NEDs elected on an individual shareholder rather than size of stake basis would achieve his purpose of broader input to board decisions.

Broad compensation is obviously one of the areas in which institutional and private shareholders want to use NEDs as independent knowledgeable monitors and, in our experience, this is best achieved by introducing new NEDs on an evergreen five to six year cycle and using independent sources to supplement the companies in house recommendations.

Imposing uninvited directors can lead to decisions being taken by committees and cliques reducing board meetings to minimum discussion forums.

Yours faithfully,
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Top Pay Research Group,
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WC2.

Attitude hardly helpful to Burton's rights issue

From Mr J. B. Gee

Sir, I am pleased that Burton's rights issue went through well, 88 per cent taken up — and the remaining 12 per cent immediately placed at a premium of 8p over the 30p issue price.

The piece by Tempus was hardly helpful: "Rights issue that is going for a Burton"; "Do not be fooled ... "questionable whether ordinary investors should throw good money after bad ..." "It will in any case cost 22p in first class postage ... to accept ..."

NatWest new issues deliberately omitted providing any envelope postage paid or otherwise. But they did with Queens Moat. The bank who claim "We're here to make life easier" didn't in this instance.

Perhaps for NatWest but not Burton shareholders.

Yours faithfully,
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Merseyside.

LONDON TRADED OPTIONS

Series	Calls Oct	Calls Jan	Calls Apr	Puts Oct	Puts Jan	Puts Apr
Allid Lyons (*575)	460	123	–	–	1	–	6
	500	84	99	106	3	6	10
	550	43	55	72	11	19	25
ASDA (*86)	80	11	14	15	3	4½	6
	90	4½	8	9½	7	8½	9
	100	2	4½	6	16	16	18
Bass (*910)	880	57	–	–	16	–	–
	928	28	–	–	38	–	–
	977	12	–	–	74	–	–
Boots (*420)	330	105	108	–	1	1	–
	360	77	80	–	1	3	–
	390	48	56	67	3	7	9½
Br Airways (*167)	120	51	–	–	1	–	–
	130	41	–	–	1	–	–
	140	31	33	–	1½	4	–
BP (*339)	300	45	50	53	2	4	5½
	330	20	26	32	6	11	14
	360	5½	10½	16½	26	28	30
Br Steel (*119)	100	20½	–	–	1	–	–
	110	11½	14	16½	2	4	5
	120	5½	7½	10½	6	9	10½
C & W (*570)	460	122	–	–	1	–	–
	500	84	95	–	2½	6	–
	550	42	58	75	10	18	24
CU (*509)	420	95	–	–	1	–	–
	460	58	73	–	3½	7	–
	500	27	44	53	14	19	26
Courtauld (*463)	390	78	84	95	3	7	9
	420	50	60	71	6	12	16
	460	23	36	49	20	27	31
GKN (*360)	300	68	76	–	1½	4	–
	330	41	53	58	4½	8½	15
	360	20	34	37	14	19	27
Grand Met (*808)	650	170	–	–	1½	–	–
	700	123	140	–	3	7	–
	750	80	98	110	7	17	24
ICI (*1283)	1200	127	165	–	13	27	–
	1250	89	130	143	25	44	52
	1300	58	102	120	47	64	82
Kingfisher (*572)	390	187	–	–	1	–	–
	420	158	–	–	1	–	–
	460	118	128	–	1	3	–
Ladbroke (*259)	220	44	47	–	2½	4½	–
	240	27	32	38	5	9½	13
	260	14	20	27	15	18	22
Land Sec (*503)	460	55	62	74	1½	5½	8
	500	25	35	47	11	18	21
	550	4½	14	23	46	52	55
M & S (*280)	240	45	50	–	1½	2½	–
	260	27	34	41	3	6	7½
	280	14	21	29	9	13	15
Sainsbury (*352)	297	64	–	–	1	–	–
	326	38	45	–	3	5½	–
	356	16	25	–	12	15	–
Shell (*529)	390	143	–	–	1	–	–
	420	113	–	–	1½	–	–
	460	73	79	83	2	4½	8
Scald Beech (*765)	700	83	–	–	5	–	–
	750	45	70	85	17	28	35
	800	21	41	58	45	53	58

Series	Calls Oct	Calls Jan	Calls Apr	Puts Oct	Puts Jan	Puts Apr
Scorchse (*108)	90	22	24	25	1	2½	4
	100	13	16	19	2½	6	7
	110	7	10	14	7	10	12
Trafalgar (*234)	171	68	–	–	1	–	–
	191	49	–	–	1½	–	–
	211	32	35	–	4½	11	–
Ultramar (*258)	240	25	32	35	5½	7½	11
	260	11	21	24	15	18	20
	280	6	11	14	30	33	34
Unilever (*735)	650	98	–	–	2½	–	–
	700	55	72	–	8	17	–
	750	24	42	57	29	33	41
	800	7½	22	34	68	72	73
Utd Biscs (*386)	330	64	67	–	1	3½	–
	360	36	43	50	5	8½	13
	390	15	25	32	16	21	27

Series	Calls Aug	Calls Nov	Calls Feb	Puts Aug	Puts Nov	Puts Feb
BAA (*424)	360	67	77	–	1	2	–
	390	37	50	57	1	6	10
	420	9½	30	38	4½	15	21
BAT Ind (*724)	550	179	–	–	1	–	–
	600	129	132	–	1	2½	–
	650	80	85	103	1	6	11
	700	30	46	68	3	18	27
BTR (*412)	360	56	59	68	1	3½	6½
	390	25	34	47	1½	11	14
	420	4	17	29	10	24	28
Br Aero (*565)	550	20	37	55	4	19	28
	600	1½	14	33	38	54	61
	650	½	3	16	88	92	94
Br Telecom (*374)	280	97	103	–	½	½	–
	300	77	84	–	1	½	–
	330	47	56	60	1	3	5
Cadbury (*381)	330	52	57	68	1	3	5
	360	22	34	45	1	8	12
	390	3½	17	28	12	22	25
Guinness (*961)	800	161	170	–	1	2	–
	850	111	124	–	1	5	–
	900	61	83	110	1	12	21
GEC (*190)	180	11	18	21	1½	4	7
	200	1	7	10½	11	15	16½
	220	¼	2½	4½	31	31	32
Hanson (*213)	180	33	–	–	1	–	–
	200	13	20	23	1½	3	8½
	220	1	8	11½	10	12	19
LASMO (*326)	300	27	39	50	1½	6½	11
	330	4	21	32	8	19	23
	360	1	9½	18	38	39	40
P & O (*557)	460	114	–	–	1	–	–
	500	74	77	90	1	5½	11
	550	24	38	55	5	21	28
Pilkington (*157)	140	19	26	28	1	4	6½
	160	4	12½	17	5	11	16
	180	1	5½	9½	24	26	29
Prudential (*246)	200	46	47	–	1	1½	–
	220	26	29	36	1	3½	5
	240	7	16½	24	21½	10	11

Series	Calls Aug	Calls Nov	Calls Feb	Puts Aug	Puts Nov	Puts Feb
Rucal (*227)	180	47	59	–	1	1½	–
	200	27	39	43	1	5	7½
	220	10	24	26	3	11	15
RTZ (*584)	460	130	132	–	1	2	–
	500	90	93	105	1	3	6
	550	40	52	67	2	12	18
Scot Newc (*413)	330	85	–	–	1	–	–
	360	55	65	70	1½	3	6
	390	25	40	49	2	8	14
Tesco (*267)	233	36	–	–	1	–	–
	253	16	–	–	1	–	–
	280	1	9	16	14	19	20
Thames W. (*370)	330	45	–	–	1	–	–
	350	25	35	45	2	5	10
	370	6	20	28	6	12	18
Lucas (*154)	110	47	–	–	1	–	–
	120	37	–	–	1	–	–
	130	27	32	32	1	3	5

Series	Calls Oct	Calls Jan	Calls Apr	Puts Oct	Puts Jan	Puts Apr
Fisons (*475)	460	35	45	55	11	17	23
	500	12	26	35	33	37	42
	550	3½	11	18	79	79	80

Series	Calls Sep	Calls Dec	Calls Mar	Puts Sep	Puts Dec	Puts Mar
Abbey Nat (*289)	220	75	–	–	1	–	–
	240	55	60	–	1	1½	–
	260	36	42	48	2	4	6½
Amstrad (*53)	45	9	11	13	1½	3½	4½
	50	5	8	10	3	5½	7
	60	2	4	6	9½	11½	13
Barclays (*454)	390	73	–	–	1	–	–
	420	45	58	70	2½	7	13
	460	13½	33	44	15	22	28
Blue Circ (*257)	200	57	–	–	1	–	–
	220	37	40	48	2	3½	7
	240	19	26	34	5	9½	13
Br Gas (*257)	200	62	–	–	1	–	–
	220	42	48	50	1	2	3
	240	23	31	34	1½	4	6½
	260	8	17	20	7	10	13
Dixons (*248)	200	51	56	61	1	1½	3½
	220	33	40	46	1½	6	7
	240	15	26	32	8	13	12
Enterprise (*449)	420	42	60	73	10	18	25
	460	20	40	52	26	37	45
	500	5½	28	35	55	60	70
Forte (*268)	220	52	–	–	1	–	–
	240	33	37	43	1½	4	6
	260	16	23	30	4	9	11½
Glaxo (*1313)	1150	170	192	–	3	14	–
	1200	122	152	185	8	25	35
	1250	79	119	152	21	38	52
Hawker (*578)	460	122	–	–	1	–	–
	500	83	92	105	1½	7	12
	550	43	53	70	9	21	27
Hillsdown (*237)	180	62	–	68	1	–	1½
	200	42	45	50	1	2½	4

Series	Calls Sep	Calls Dec	Calls Mar	Puts Sep	Puts Dec	Puts Mar
Lonrho (*297)	220	33	39	36	2	6½	8½
	240	9	16	24	8½	14	17
	260	42	–	–	1	–	–
	220	25	31	35	2	6	11
	248	9	18	22	8	13	20
Midland (*247)	160	93	–	–	1	–	–
	180	73	78	83	1	1½	3
	200	53	60	66	1	3½	5½
	220	33	43	51	2½	6	8
Reuter (*830)	650	190	–	–	1½	–	–
	700	142	162	182	2½	10	19
	750	95	123	145	7	19	32
	800	55	90	113	18	35	50
R-Royce (*150)	140	13	17	20	4	6½	8½
	160	3	7	11	15	16	20
	180	1	2½	–	34	35	–
Sears (*84)	60	25½	26	27	1	1	1
	70	16	17	19	1	1½	2½
	80	6½	8½	12	2½	4½	6
Thorn EMI (*769)	600	174	–	–	1	–	–
	650	125	139	149	1½	4	7
	700	76	95	104	3	10	14
	750	34	58	71	12	24	31
TSB (*147)	120	30	–	–	1	–	–
	130	20	24½	26½	1	1½	3½
	140	11	17	19½	2½	4	6½
Vnd Reefs (*566)	60	11	15	16	1½	4½	5½
	70	6	9½	10½	6	9	11
Wellcome (*705)	550	162	170	–	1	2½	–
	600	112	127	142	1½	8	14
	650	67	85	107	8	22	28

Series	Calls Aug	Calls Nov	Calls Feb	Puts Aug	Puts Nov	Puts Feb
Eastn Elec (*173)	140	36	41	–	½	1½	–
	160	16	22	26	1½	4½	7
	180	2½	10	15	8	13	16
Nat Power (*147)	120	28	32	34	1	2½	3
	130	19	23	25	2½	3½	5
	140	9½	16½	17	3½	6	8
Scot Power (*103)	90	15	19	–	1	2	–
	100	7	11	–	3	6	–
	110	2½	6½	–	9	11	–

FT-SE INDEX (*2560)

2450	2500	2550	2600	2650	2700

Calls	Aug	Nov	Feb	Puts	Aug	Nov	Feb
	Aug	115	74	34	13	5	1
	Sep	145	104	70	45	26	14
	Oct	168	132	95	67	49	30
	Nov	166	153	104	78	67	45
	Dec	–	180	–	110	–	70
Puts							
	Aug	6	11	24	52	92	150
	Sep	21	31	48	74	106	152
	Oct	34	45	63	86	124	165
	Nov	48	55	73	99	130	165
	Dec	–	66	–	112	–	165

August 20, 1991 Total: 19473 Calls 13549 Puts 5924 FT-SE: Calls 3392 Puts 3133
*Underlying security price.

RECENT ISSUES

EQUITIES

Aberforth Smlr (100p)	119 +1
Aberforth Split (100p)	103
Alliance Res	20
Capital Ventures	110
Claremont Grnts (175p)	183
Contra-Cyclical (100p)	107
Culver Hldgs (4p)	6½ –½
Drayton Blue Chip (100p)	100
EFM Inc Tst (65p)	68
Eidos	38
East Germany Inv (100p)	105 +2
Elonbrook	68
Eurocamp (225p)	243 +6
Fleming Emerg Mkt	94 +2
Gartmore Inc (100p)	108
Gartmore Cap (100p)	108
Geared Inc (100p)	101 +1
Greencore	224 +5
Greenwich Res	18 +1
Headline Book (100p)	128
Lowndes Lambert (290p)	305 +5
Manchester Utd (385p)	264

● *See main prices page for Electricity shares*

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Alan Paul N/P	¼
Beaverco N/P	1¼
Bimac Ind N/P	20 +2½
Explaura N/P	½
Howden N/P	11 +2
Navan Res N/P	1¼
Pelican Gp N/P	2
Try Gp N/P	4

(Issue price in brackets).

FT-SE 100 VOLUMES

	Vol '000		Vol '000		Vol '000		Vol '000
Abbey Nat	2,729	Cadbury	2,551	Lonrho	844	Royal Bank	3,800
Allid-Lyons	2,100	CU	1,498	Lucas	719	Royal Ins	881
Anglian	463	Courtaulds	887	M&S	4,428	Sainsbury	1,306
ASDA	1,465	Enterprise	878	Maxwell Cm	789	Scot & N	784
AB Foods	842	Eurotunnel	2,215	MEPC	1,080	Scot Power	3,810
Argyll	1,538	Fisons	2,214	Midland	2,020	Sears	1,324
Arjo Wigg	948	Forte	2,117	Natl Power	4,480	Severn Trnt	573
BAA	696	Gen Acc	308	Nat West	2,378	Shell	2,107
BET	1,405	GEC	3,708	N W Water	2,788	Smith & N	4,099
BTR	2,113	Glaxo	2,002	P&O	1,934	SK Beech	1,833
BAT	3,159	Grand Met	1,981	Pearson	428	Sun Allnce	784
Barclays	1,732	GUS 'A'	149	Pilkington	1,846	Tarmac	2,849
Bass	784	GRE	1,408	PowerGen	2,679	Tate Lyle	2,217
BICC	1,209	Guinness	3,088	Prudential	5,788	TSB	3,281
Bk Scotind	1,855	Hanson	4,544	Racal	5,857	Tesco	3,393
Blue Circle	1,396	Hawker	271	Rank	1,005	Thames Wtr	1,274
BOC	779	Hillsdown	1,273	R&C	635	Thorn EMI	603
Boots	2,251	ICI	1,236	Redland	900	Trafalgar	2,785
Br Aero	583	Inchcape	682	Reed	902	Ultramar	1,662
Br Airways	5,863	Kingfisher	857	Rentokil	350	Unilever	2,208
Br Gas	4,837	Lasmo	1,086	Reuters	552	United Bis	3,008
Br Petrol	6,336	Ladbroke	1,032	RMC Gp	413	Wellcome	848
Br Steel	3,584	Land Sec	294	RTZ	1,352	Whitbrd	360
Br Telecm	3,413	L&G	457	R-Royce	4,866	Williams	1,317
C&W	1,371	Lloyds	1,902	Rothmans 'B'	298	Willis Cor	1,252

LONDON TRADED OPTIONS

First Dealings	Last Dealings	Last Declaration	For Settlement
August 19	September 6	November 21	December 2

Call options were taken out on: 20/8/91 Barratt Devs, Brown & Jackson, Cray Elec, European Leisure, Kunick, Mk. Holdings, Owners Abroad, Premier Cons Oil, Rainers.

EBC shareholders warned on profits

THE chairman of EBC Group, the Exeter property and construction company, has warned shareholders to expect lower profits in the current year.

Bert Cockcroft, who became chairman at the beginning of the year, said a repeat of last year's profits of £3.5 million could not be expected: "Overall in 1991, I am not anticipating that we shall exceed last year's achievement but I am expecting a result which will reflect a satisfactory performance during an exceptionally adverse period, particularly for commercial development and housing." Mr Cockcroft's warning came as EBC announced a 38 per cent fall in interim pre-tax profits to £1.3 million for the six months to end-June. The interim dividend is maintained at 3.5p.

Contracting and building and maintenance made what Mr Cockcroft described as "an excellent contribution" to profits. However, housebuilding continues to lose money and commercial property broke even after the company wrote off £456,000 of interest relating to its Exeter Business Park development.

ATP returns to losses

ATP Communications Group, the USM advertising agency, has returned to losses after last year's recovery.

Pre-tax losses for the year to end-March were £346,000 (£147,000 profit) for the previous year when the company reaped the benefits of a restructuring.

The company said that it had been affected particularly badly by the recession, because of the slump in revenues from the motor trade, a market in which it had a strong presence.

Net assets had fallen to less than 50 per cent of the called up share capital. An extraordinary general meeting will be held on September 16. Again there will be no dividend for the year.

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A return to the tissues of truth

The Soviet information restrictions may herald a rebirth of secret news sheets, Peter Millar reports

To the Russian intellectual, it seemed Mikhail Gorbachev realised the ancient Chinese blessing: "Let a hundred flowers bloom." In the West the words were often confused or misunderstood: perestroika was a radical programme for restructuring that would return Russia to a market economy, but glasnost was the signal for a slow-burn explosion in the media. It has taken six years for them to get the fire extinguishers out.

For the average man in the Moscow street, glasnost was at first incomprehensible: freedom of speech was an alien concept. Many ordinary people regarded it as a dangerous obsession of the uncontrollable Americans and the eccentric English. Unsurprisingly, the flowers bloomed slowly.

First among them was *Moscow News*, until 1985 little more than a freesheet for foreign tourists. Almost overnight, under new editor Yegor Yakovlev, the revamped *MN* became a clarion of glasnost, telling truths about corruption and scandal.

One by one, the rest of the press, still controlled by various organs of the state, began to follow suit. *Ogonyok* (literally "little flame"), a glossy weekly that had resembled a cross between *National Geographic* and *Woman's Own*, mutated into a hybrid of the *Economist* and *The Sunday Times Magazine*. Its editor, the droll, intelligent Vitaly Korotich, became a media pundit. Interviewed on Radio 4's *Today* yesterday he advised his countrymen to listen to foreign radio stations in order to stay informed.

Even *Pravda* became interesting. Its dry editor, Viktor Afanasyev, was replaced by the pragmatic Ivan Frolov. *Izvestia* tried to take itself seriously as the newspaper of a government that was shepherding reform. The old joke that there was no truth (*pravda*) in *Izvestia* and no news (*izvestia*) in *Pravda* was now only half true.

Only the dire *Sovietskaya Rossia* remained true to the old regime, publishing pseudonymous-anonymous attacks on Gorbachev's policies.

The proliferation came thick and fast with the relaxation of the censorship laws that gave only the Communist party the right to newsprint and the means of distribution. Television and radio were rapidly infected. The nightly nine o'clock news programme *Vremya* — broadcast identically from coast to frozen coast — no longer obligatorily led on good news from the harvest. Sometimes it even led on real news, and contained interviews with people who disagreed with the government. Russians at home shook their heads in wonder.

Vzglyad (literally "an oblique glance") took freedom further, importing western-style camera techniques, snappy interviewing styles and overall irreverence.

The outlying republics which had always had radio and television in their own languages took to experimentation with a literal vengeance, often frustrating the residual Russian censors by failing to provide translations. The climax of this devolutionary process came when even Boris Yeltsin's Russian republic, in reality the Soviet heartland, set up its own radio and television beyond party control. It was when these switched on Monday to identical programming to the central Gosteleradio station, that the reality of the clampdown in the capital came chillingly into many provincial homes.

In the Gorbachev years even Tass (Telegraphic Agency of the Soviet Union), jokingly referred to as His Master's Voice, stopped being purely a medium for making known the decrees of dictatorship and began, albeit slowly, to resemble a real news agency. The reversion to type came on Monday — Tass was the vehicle for the news of the anti-Gorbachev coup. The old, dissident *samizdat* sheets, typed on thin tracing paper for ease of concealment, declared themselves redundant in the face of the glasnost phenomenon. Most remarkable of all was the weekly *Argumenty i Fakty*, which soared from a tiny circulation of a few tens of thousands to close on 18 million in little over a year, making it the biggest-selling newspaper on earth. Its editor, Vladislav Starkov, is a courageous campaigner for human rights, freedom of speech and democracy.

In a country with poor telecommunications and a shortage of newsprint that can, in any case, be quickly taken under control, the immediate future looks bleak. So far the hardliners have struck a serious blow to the organs of free speech, banning all but the old offical newspapers — *Trud, Rabochaya Tribuna, Krasnaya Zvezda, Moskovskaya Pravda, Leninskoye Znamya* and *Selskaya Zhizn* as well as *Sovietskaya Rossia, Pravda* and *Izvestia*. On Monday the entire staff of *Izvestia*, the most liberal of the nine, walked out after they were prevented from printing a full-page appeal by Boris Yeltsin. But a trickle of real information is still emerging on radio and television — *Vremya* reported Mr Yeltsin's call for a general strike — apparently in an attempt to preempt the rumour mill and preserve a meagre credibility. But the Soviet media infrastructure is fragile. In the absence of technology and resources, it could once again be forced to make do with tissue paper.



A hunger for the truth: Soviet citizens found that even the *Pravda* news boards were interesting before the coup

Trivia questions are big business

This week a new competitor launches into the £26.5 million puzzle magazine field

MORE even than computer titles, puzzle magazines are a profitable, niche market. Their low entry costs allow small entrepreneurs, such as the husband and wife team in Kent who produce *Hidden Words*, to vie with big boys such as British European Associated Publishers (BEAP) and Harmsworth Magazines, part of Associated Newspapers. There are 132 such magazines in Britain alone.

On Friday, the German publisher H. Bauer challenges the field with the second issue of *Take a Puzzle*, initially a one-off from its successful women's magazine, *Take a Break*. The one-off will become a regular quarterly title, printing 600,000 copies at £1.30.

"Hats off to Bauer," says Peter Warland, the managing director of BEAP, sportingly. BEAP's 13 titles — which include the market leaders *The Puzzler* (70p, monthly) and *Puzzler Collection* (£1.30, seven issues a year) — claim half the sector's £26.5 million annual sales and appear most under threat. Mr Warland adds: "*Take a Puzzle*'s contents are somewhat different from ours, but I admit I would rather it was not there."

BEAP jumped to the front of the British puzzle magazine market in 1988, when its Dutch parent, VNU, beat off competition from the publisher Robert Maxwell to acquire *The Puzzler* from the heirs of Alfred Gutman, its reclusive British millionaire founder. Over the previous decade Gutman had built *The Puzzler* into a cult money-spinner whose low overheads inspired many imitators.

Generally, the mix of puzzle magazines is the same: word, logic or trivia puzzles acquired from readers (not too difficult, Mr Warland stresses, so that the purchaser is encouraged to buy again); low quality paper; with any promotional expenditure going on covers to distinguish the title from others on the newsagents' racks.

And those readers? Addicts, certainly; mainly women aged over 55. They do a specific puzzle every day. Consequently, Paul Hodgson, the circulation director of Harmsworth, says, "you have to be careful moving from bi-monthly to monthly publication" so as not to upset the reading pattern. With this readership profile, there is little advertising. Nevertheless, the market is "extremely profitable", says Mr Warland, and it is eyed increasingly by the big publishers.

Word puzzles are difficult to sell abroad, but BEAP licences *Logic Problems* (monthly, £1.10 in the UK, circulation 83,000) in 11 countries. Its biggest seller, *Puzzler Collection*, with a circulation of 416,000, is a recycled version of material which appeared earlier in *The Puzzler* (circulation 335,000).

After BEAP, Keesing and Maxwell Consumer Magazines are the biggest players, each with 11 per cent of the market. Last year Harmsworth broke the cottage industry mould by launching *Puzzle World* (£1.30, bi-monthly), with editorial matter supplied by the television personality Gyles Brandreth. The initial print run of 500,000 has been pared back. Harmsworth claims 150,000 sales, giving it a 5 per cent market share.

Take a Puzzle targets "the whole family", rather than the older woman. The magazine's cover is bigger and livelier than its competitors. It offers £10,000 prizes and has three pages of colour advertising. Bauer proved a winner with women's magazines. Its television listings title, *TV Quick*, has been less happy. Can its foray into puzzles prove successful? Answers on a postcard, please.

ANDREW LYCETT

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MEDIA WATCH

Doormat diplomat

OF four million people who received eight million items of "junk mail" over a six-week test period, only 1.53 per cent asked that further mail be stopped, according to a survey published yesterday by the Institute of Practitioners in Advertising (IPA). Robert Scott Moncrieff, of the IPA's direct marketing group and the chairman of Saatchi & Saatchi Direct, says the survey result is "encouraging", as it underlines research indicating that more than 80 per cent of junk mail is opened and over 60 per cent is read. He adds: "Although opt-out rates are low, we encourage such action: badly targeted mailings irritate consumers and waste the industry's time and money."

BBC joins in

THE overthrow of Mikhail Gorbachev and the blackout of independent Soviet media yesterday prompted the BBC World Service to add an extra 15-minute daily broadcast in Russian to its Russian service, which totals 46 and a half hours a week. "Millions of Soviet people know they only have to switch on to the BBC for information, no matter what restrictions are placed on their domestic media," says Zdenka Krizman, the assistant head of the BBC Russian Service.

Sinking serial

BBC Television's drama department rejected many of the programme ideas to be found in various applications for Channel 3 licences, says Mark Shivas, the head of drama. *Nancy Cunard*, described in Carlton Television's application for the Thames licence as a "serial to refresh the schedule and surprise audiences", was just one. Although Carlton is likely to win the coveted London weekday licence after outbidding Thames, there is no guarantee the *Nancy Cunard* series will find favour with the new Channel 3 central scheduler, widely tipped to be David Elstein, the director of programmes at Thames.

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Global Gth	81.73	87.19	-2.39	1.41
Jap Gth	146.9	156.4e	+0.9	0.00
Jap Sunrise	132.6	141.4	+0.8	0.00
Portfolio	97.32	101.4e	+0.99	2.59
Do Acc	169.3	173.2e	+1.4	2.59
UK Growth	54.07	57.52	+1.01	4.39
UK Smlr Cos	97.56	72.35	+0.19	2.90
Select Man	53.06	56.36	-1.33	3.19
BRITANNIA LIFE UNIT MANAGERS LTD				
1100, West George St, Glasgow G2 2PA Tel: 041-332 9122				
Britan Gth Acc	80.73	86.34	+0.56	2.71
Do Inc	76.23	81.53	+0.81	2.71
Global Bond	22.69	24.27e	-0.11	8.58
High Yield Acc	40.58	43.72e	+0.50	5.18
Do Inc	32.39	34.64e	+0.39	5.18
Inc Gth Acc	58.62	62.67	+1.00	5.18
Do Inc	42.46	45.40	+0.72	5.18
Service Co Acc	85.26	91.19e	+1.19	2.46
Do Inc	62.60	66.96	+1.13	2.46
Am Gth Acc	33.15	35.45e	-1.67	1.28
Do Inc	32.53	34.79e	-1.64	1.28
Euro Gth Acc	25.30	27.05	+1.14	1.88
Do Inc	24.85	26.56	+1.12	1.88
Managed Port	25.10	26.84	+0.09	0.00
BROWN SHIPLEY				
8-17, Pennycrest Rd, Haywards Heath Tel: 0444 458144				
Financial	121.6	108.2e	+0.4	4.37
Smlr Cos Acc	182.1	193.3	+1.2	5.00
Do Inc	109.7	116.5	+0.1	1.97
High Inc	66.03	70.32	+0.32	6.22
Income	97.09	103.3	+0.40	5.22
Man Port Inc	70.94	74.73e	-0.47	5.00
Do Acc	144.8	154.0e	+0.9	2.20
Nth Amer	77.37	82.79	-0.71	0.26
Orient	95.3	102.4	-0.2	0.38
Europ	288.1	306.4	+2.7	4.48
Recov	31.72	33.78		3.50
German	33.57	36.08	+0.08	0.11
Intl Recov	37.59	39.37	-0.44	0.22
Japan	19.33	20.80	-0.29	0.14
Corp Gwnt	17.40	18.53	..	10.27
BUCKINGATE MANAGEMENT				
Beaufort House, 15 St Botolph St London EC3A 7JJ Tel: 071-247 7474				
Fellowship Inc	92.99	98.88	+0.08	2.97
Do Acc	94.14	100.1	+0.08	2.97
Inc Fund 3	189.5	180.4	+0.8	5.62
Do Acc 3	360.0	383.0	+5.4	5.62
Inv Port Inc	93.22	85.09e	+0.47	3.22
Do Acc	88.21	93.38e	+0.51	3.22
Smlr Inc 5	92.28	97.62	+0.54	3.35
Do Acc	106.5	112.9	+0.6	3.35
Hi Inc Prf Inc	49.53	51.48e	+0.77	6.30
BURRAGE UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD				
117 Fenchurch Street London EC3M 5AL Tel: 071-480 7288				
Shr Gt Fxd Int	82.18	82.99	+0.09	8.46
CIS UNIT MANAGERS LTD				
PO Box 165 Manchester M60 0AH Tel: 061-837 5000				
Environ	100.4	106.9	+0.5	2.44
UK Growth	114.8	122.2e	+1.1	2.77
UK Income	108.3	115.3	+0.9	5.66
CANNON FUND MANAGERS				
1, Olympic Way, Wembley Middx HA9 0NB Tel: 081-902 8870				
SE Asia	51.84	55.44	+1.61	2.34
Growth	39.52	42.27e	-0.88	3.62
Income	48.06	51.40e	-0.75	6.25
Far East	37.55	40.17e	+0.02	0.77
North Amer	35.55	38.02e	-0.88	0.59
Global	59.96	64.13	+0.30	0.30
European	55.13	60.63	-3.96	3.10
Japan	50.44	56.73	+1.04	0.01
Strategic Opp	46.20	49.41	-0.78	2.05
Int Currency	48.04	50.95	+0.25	0.56
CAPEL-CURE MYERS UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD				
65 Fountain Street, Manchester M2 2AF Tel: Enquiries: 061-236 5685 Dealings:061-228 3352				
Capability Trusts				
Am & Gen	94.36	100.8	-3.80	0.38
Do Acc	100.4	106.9	-3.71	0.38
European	54.42	57.99e	+0.53	1.38
Do Acc	54.25	57.83e	+0.35	1.38
F East/Gen	46.36	49.32	+0.35	0.00
Do Acc	46.36	49.32	+0.35	0.00
Glenisters	228.0	243.7c	-2.9	2.50
Do Acc	240.2	254.1c	-3.2	2.50
Growth	201.3	213.9e	+0.7	2.88
Do Acc	483.0	513.9e	+11.1	2.88
Inc &Gth Inc	325.9	346.8e	+10.2	4.87
Do Acc	458.5	492.5e	+19.8	4.87
Master Portf	282.7	86.65e	+0.71	2.82
Do Acc	282.15	301.79e	+0.73	2.82
Spec Sits	84.83	88.97e	+1.42	2.91
Do Acc	73.02	77.69e	+1.51	2.91
Exempt Fund				
High Yld Exmpt	210.50	10.83	+0.21	5.66
Do Acc	211.32	11.88	+0.22	5.56
CAPEL (JAMES) MANAGEMENT				
3, Harbour Exchange Square, London, E14 9GJ. Tel: Telephone: 071-515 0000 Dealings : 071-515 0000				
Amer Index	153.0	163.2	-1.8	2.06
Capital	470.9	501.5	-9.8	3.72
Euro Index	105.9	113.0	-7.5	2.09
Euro Growth	68.03	72.60	-6.55	2.09
Far East Gth	65.30	69.68	-2.09	1.21
Global Bond	20.58	21.85e	+0.22	8.43
Gold Gen S S	66.19	70.63	+0.51	3.49
Hong Kong	43.73	46.67	-1.91	3.01
Income	445.4	475.3	-10.2	5.62
Intl Sp Sits	151.92	84.37	-1.89	1.48
Jap Gth	192.6	205.5	-8.5	0.00
Jap Smlr Cos	25.83	39.65	-1.76	0.00
Jap Index	60.82	64.89	-1.42	0.35
N Amer	314.8	336.1	-2.7	1.55
Smlr Cos	59.71	63.97	-1.21	0.00
Tiger Index	89.39	95.45	-4.31	1.17
UK Index	107.7	114.9e	-2.6	4.19
CAZENOVE UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD				
18 Tokenhouse Yard, London EC2R 7AN Tel: 071-606 9708				
Amer Portf	59.48	63.53	-0.11	1.71
Euro Portf	69.62	69.65	-5.91	0.68
Jap Portf	42.76	45.53	-1.54	0.00
Pacific Portf	59.54	64.13	-2.45	3.01
Portf	91.56	97.81	-3.66	2.13
UK Inc/Gth	98.37	60.61	-1.45	5.31
CENTRAL BOARD OF FINANCE OF CHURCH OF ENGLAND				
2, Fore Street, London EC2Y 5AQ Tel: 071-588 1815				
Fry	548.4	548.7	..	6.23
Fixed Int	137.5	139.1	..	10.50
Deposit		100.0	..	10.85
CHARITIES OFFICIAL INVESTMENT FUND				
2, Fore Street, London EC2Y 5AQ Tel: 071-588 1815				
Income	537.4	530.7e	..	5.23
Acc	219.12	18.36	..	
Deposit		100.0	..	10.85
Fixed Int Inc	111.3	111.5e	..	10.40
Do Acc	125.0	125.3e	..	
CITY FINANCIAL UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD				
1 White Hart Yard London Bridge SE1 Tel: 071-407 5966				
Am Smlr Cos	91.18	93.86e	..	3.01
Barclay Int Op Ac	83.20	84.95	..	5.41
Prior Hse Inc	166.6	176.5	..	5.39
Prior Hse Cap	204.4	216.6e	..	2.81
COMMERCIAL UNION TRUST MANAGERS LTD				
St Helen's, 1, Undershaft, London EC3P 3DQ Tel: Enquiries 081-661 2222 Dealing 081-686 9818				
Am Gth	79.50	84.57	-0.78	1.67
Euro Gth	75.60	80.64	-5.50	1.82
Far East	70.70	75.21	-0.97	2.58
Jap Gwth	33.34	35.47e	-1.17	0.00
Managed Inc	92.23	95.56	-1.18	3.39
Do Acc	99.55	83.76	-1.27	3.39
Monthly Inc	41.97	44.65e	-0.30	10.11
Smlr Cos Inc	27.17	28.90	-0.51	3.57
Do Acc	29.14	31.00	-0.55	3.57
UK/Gen Inc	61.22	65.13	-1.31	4.69
Do Acc	70.18	74.66	-1.50	4.69
Wrldw Bond	59.81	54.05	+0.46	6.27
Do Acc	58.37	63.16	+0.47	5.27
Wrldw Gp Sts	42.85	45.94e	-1.72	1.33
Do accum	44.44	47.53e	-1.81	1.33
Quilter Gen Inc	109.4	113.2	-2.45	1.98
Do Acc	112.6	119.8	-2.60	1.98
Quilter Inc	87.75	93.36	-2.04	5.73
Do Acc	88.28	105.6	-2.31	5.73
Quilter Int Inc	101.0	107.4	-1.13	0.01
Do Acc	101.9	108.4	-1.17	0.01
City UK 5/6 Inc	88.04	72.56	-1.86	4.44
Do Acc	87.82	93.43	-2.40	4.44
COMMERCIAL UNION PRESTIGE FUND MANAGEMENT				
Financ/Prop	57.62	95.21	-2.58	3.25
Fixed/Conv	35.78	35.84e	-0.48	9.09
Do Acc	80.37	85.50e	-1.07	9.09
Equity Inc	130.0	138.3e	-2.31	5.51
Do Acc	287.3	302.7e	-4.64	5.51
High Yield Inc	105.8	112.6	-1.81	9.96
Do Acc	360.8	383.8	-6.15	9.96
Preference Inc	39.48	40.86e	-0.01	10.55
Do Acc	41.74	43.20e	-0.01	10.55
PPT Europe	122.4	130.2e	-10.8	0.88
PPT Global	82.38	86.36e	+1.05	3.67
PPT Gld/Com	48.62	49.91e	+0.57	2.55
PPT Thai	37.12	39.49e	+0.45	0.00
PPT HK	51.31	54.58e	-2.25	1.35
PPT Jap	98.64	104.9e	-2.78	1.10
PPT Nth Amer	105.9	112.5e	-0.90	0.96
PPT Sing/M	67.19	71.42e	+0.18	0.00
PPT UK	101.0	107.5e	-1.74	
PPT Cash	82.56	e	+0.08	11.06
EPIM UNIT TRUST MANAGERS				
4, Melville Crescent, Edinburgh Tel: 0345 585 1815				
Amer	68.13	93.64	-3.48	1.15
Capel	120.8	128.4	+2.1	2.34
Convertible	22.21	23.60	+0.31	6.28
Eurofund	31.04	32.79	-0.64	1.22
Exempt Mngd	145.6	150.9	..	1.9
Extra Inc	61.35	65.49e	..	7.25
Growth/Inc	200.5	213.0e	+4.3	5.05
High Inc	140.3	151.2	+3.1	8.88
High Inc	98.47	103.0e	..	6.23
Inc/Growth	116.5	124.4e	..	6.23
Intl	284.6	221.1e	+1.4	1.57
Int Inc	88.38	94.43e	+0.19	9.54
Pacific	55.38	57.80	+0.71	1.05
Smlr Cap Cos	68.46	84.34	-1.88	0.00
Tokyo	183.6	173.2	+2.5	0.00
Ex Am 2	184.7	189.2	+3.0	1.48
Ex Jap 3	112.3	115.4	..	0.08
Gl Smlr Jap 4	538.2	553.0	..	0.06
EAGLE STAR UNIT TRUST MANAGERS				
Bath Road, Cheltenham, Gloucester GL53 7LQ Tel: 0242 577555				
Original Op Acc	39.87	62.63	+1.30	1.35
Japanese	80.64	83.97	+0.44	0.00
UK Balan Inc	97.29	103.1	+1.20	3.57
UK Bal Inc Acc	110.9	117.0	+1.4	3.57
UK Gth Accum	161.9	172.2	+2.2	2.08
UK Hi Inc	116.4	122.8	+1.3	5.62
UK Hi Inc Acc	126.0	133.6	+1.5	5.62
N Amer Acc	80.60	85.53e	-3.20	1.07
Euro Acc	99.26	105.6e	-1.80	0.26
UK Pref/Fl Inc	84.83	89.15	+0.11	6.65
Do Acc	78.58	83.34	+0.16	6.35
Int Sp S Acc	40.20	42.77	+0.04	0.67
Emrgnd Opp	83.67	88.46	-0.15	1.40
ENDURANCE FUND MANAGEMENT LTD				
41, Hertington Gardens London SW7 4JU Tel: 071 373 7287				
Endurance	148.0	158.5	..	1.85
EQUITABLE UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD				
Walton Street Aylesbury, HP21 7QW Tel: 0296 481480				
Equity Pelican	102.3	107.7	..	5.24
High Inc	107.7	113.4	..	6.30
T Of Inc Tr	107.9	113.5e	..	3.28
Spec Sits	85.21	100.2	..	4.38
N Am	77.91	82.01	..	0.95
Far East	98.52	104.0e	..	0.00
Intl Gth	74.50	78.42	..	2.23
Euro	82.47	86.29	..	1.57
Smlr Cos	82.44	86.20	..	4.44
EQUITY & LAW				
St. George Hse Corporation St, Coventry CV1 1BD Tel: 0203 553231				
Int Gth Accum	291.1	307.7	+8.7	3.25
Int Inc	199.3	209.9	+4.4	3.26
Higher Inc Acc	439.2	465.6	+7.1	4.51
Inc Acc	384.1	322.5	+4.9	4.51
Gbls/Fxd Acc	197.8	145.1	+0.4	8.77
N America	172.6	180.4	+2.1	0.00
Far East	216.9	230.8	+3.7	0.26
Europe	190.8	202.6	+4.1	0.12
Gwnt	361.2	384.3	+5.1	3.38
Japan	370.9	397.2	+4.1	0.00
Sm Companies	258.8	275.8	+1.27	2.28
Br Fdmkr Inc	92.09	97.93	+0.56	5.97
Do Acc	98.51	72.89	+1.13	5.97
Global Ops	85.01	88.53	+0.59	0.28
FIDELITY INVESTMENT SERVICES LTD				
Oakhill House, Tadworth, Surrey KT20 5HT Tel: 0737 832424 Dealing: 0737 414181				
Fidelity Trusts				
American	164.1	173.5	+4.2	0.00
Cash Unit	131.49	e	+0.08	11.19
European	92.89	98.48	-1.31	0.00
Gwth/Inc	124.8	134.0	+1.5	5.51
Inc Trust	104.2	110.7	-0.5	7.45
UK Gth	51.86	55.82e	+0.93	0.00
FOREIGN & COLONIAL				
5th Floor, Exchange Hse Primrose Street London EC2A 2NY Tel: 071-628 8000				
Euro Income	76.14	79.89e	+0.69	4.27
Far East	113.0	121.5	+1.1	0.00
Overseas Income	68.49	72.18	+0.58	2.92
UK Growth	68.49	73.18	+1.59	1.75
UK Ind Fund	106.1	112.4	+2.5	5.67
US Smlr Cos	136.4	145.9	-5.1	0.00
FRANKLINSTON UNIT MANAGERS				
155, Bishopsgate London EC2M 3XT Tel: 071-374 4160				
Am Smlr Cos	298.5	308.0e	-8.9	..
Do Acc	299.0	315.8e	-8.5	..
Capital Inc	238.5	251.5	-3.7	3.28
Do Acc	252.0	265.1	-4.0	3.28
Cont Smlr Inc	38.73	42.49	-1.93	0.28
Do Acc	40.4	43.2	-2.0	0.28
Conv Inc	65.21	100.9	-7.20	7.77
Do Acc	160.8	171.1	-12.1	7.77
Euro Inc	84.53	90.27	-5.00	0.57
Do Acc	88.84	92.74	-5.13	0.57
Extra Inc	84.44	89.44	-2.44	0.57
Do Acc	321.5	341.0	-9.7	0.57
Financial Acc	65.11	67.13	-1.39	0.97
Inc Trust	61.00	64.66	-1.34	0.97
Inc Trust	181.6	171.6	-2.4	5.29
Do Acc	209.5	219.6	-3.1	5.29
Intl Gth	229.5	238.0	-7.5	..
Do Acc	284.9	294.3	-9.3	..
Jap & Gen Inc	109.8	117.4	-1.2	0.00
Do Acc	135.2	143.2	-1.4	..
Mangd Port Inc	76.48	78.45	-1.67	1.25
Do Acc	76.13	80.13	-1.66	1.25
Monthly Inc	70.01	73.71	-1.55	5.21
Recov	201.1	218.0e	-4.9	1.32
Do Acc	229.5	253.2e	-5.7	1.32
Smlr Inc	37.60	39.69	-0.43	9.94
Do Acc	37.60	39.69	-0.43	9.94
Gilt Gth Inc	59.80	61.46	+0.01	5.09
Do Acc	64.74	68.76	+0.02	5.09
Gilt Inc Inc	57.76	59.58	+0.14	8.98
Do Acc	68.63	67.98	+0.17	8.98
FRIENDS PROVIDENT MANAGERS				
Castle Street, Salisbury, Wilts SP1 3SH Tel: Dealings:0722 411411 Fax: 0722 411422				
Equity Dist	282.7	300.9	+3.49	4.12
Do Acc	543.5	578.2	+6.70	4.12
Euro Gth Dist	84.81	90.01e	+0.19	0.79
Do Acc	84.81	91.75e	+0.19	0.79
Fixed Int Dist	115.6	122.5	+0.32	8.13
Do Acc	178.2	188.5	+0.48	8.13
Int Gth Dist	66.88	64.71	+0.47	0.80
Do Acc	66.88	64.71	+0.47	0.80
N Am Dist	140.8	149.6e	+1.44	1.33
Do Acc	150.1	159.7e	+1.53	1.33
Pac Basin Dist	184.0	195.9e	+0.85	0.60
Do Acc	184.0	195.9e	+0.85	0.60
Stand Dist	254.3	248.2	+1.22	2.94
Do Acc	257.3	274.3	+1.51	2.94
Stand Inc Dist	80.73	83.97e	+0.29	5.06
Do Acc	80.86	85.71e	+0.53	5.06
Wrld Stand Dist	74.49	79.15e	+0.36	0.41
Do Acc	74.49	79.25e	+0.60	0.41
GT UNIT MANAGERS				
5th Floor, 5, Devonshire Sq, London EC2M 4YD Tel: 071-283 2575 Dealing: 071-626 1500				
Am Sp Sits	84.00	89.84	-4.69	0.00
UK Cap Inc	136.2	144.6e	+2.4	4.36
Do Acc	222.5	237.3	+4.1	4.36
Eur Spec Sits	51.30	54.62	+0.72	1.27
Int Fund	96.07	104.9	+2.10	7.85
Intl	182.7	195.4	-1.4	1.26
US/Gwnt	64.46	70.66	-2.94	0.64
Jap & Genl	67.19	71.82	-1.5	0.00
Far East/Gen	188.0	198.0	-0.1	0.32
Euro	308.1	323.9	+4.1	1.20
Germany	78.76	83.66	+0.16	0.46
Gwnt	73.30	77.84	+0.14	0.00
Wrld Spec Sit	92.36	96.78e	-2.80	0.13
Global Prp Inc	47.48	50.76	+0.11	2.91
Do Acc	49.03	52.44	+0.12	2.91
Smlr Cos Div	38.04	41.78e	+0.37	6.70
GARTMORE FUND MANAGERS				
Gartmore House, 16-18 Monument St, London EC3R 8AJ Tel: 071-623 1212 Dealings: 0277 284421 Services: 0800 289820				
UK Growth Trusts				
British Gth	36.34	37.80e	+0.84	1.66
DashTrust**	113.09	e	+0.03	11.00
Pmrd Inv Inc	99.59	96.05	+1.36	3.79
Do Acc	179.8	192.6	+2.7	3.79
UK Bal Cos	84.26	101.0	+0.79	8.85
Income Trusts				
Extra Inc	60.93	65.17	+0.57	7.86
Preference	39.44	31.86e	+0.07	13.87
High Inc	31.53	33.10e	+0.51	8.85
Income	107.2	114.7e	+2.99	4.15
Intl Fxd Int	23.50	24.73	-0.14	7.48
International Trusts				
Gwnt Int	67.98	72.73	-0.42	1.37
Japan Trust	16.75	17.92	-0.06	0.73
Pacific Trust	32.22	34.50	-0.44	0.56
Pacific Inc/Gth	50.27	53.80	-0.85	3.42
UK/Intl	66.16	62.14	+0.44	4.97
Overseas Trusts				
American	91.34	97.37	-3.98	1.16
European	69.40	69.21	+0.85	1.41
Euro Sel Opp	79.54	84.69e	-1.26	1.59
Am Emerg	46.41	49.77	-2.24	0.62
Hong Kong	63.96	67.72	+1.15	2.62
Japan	139.3	151.5e	-1.59	0.00
Pacific Gth	88.01	94.53	+1.12	1.50
GOVETT (JOHN) UNIT MANAGERS				
Shackleton Hse, 4, Hays Bridge Lane, London SE1 2HR Tel: 071-378 7979 Dealing:071-404 0822				
Intl Gth	101.0	108.1	-0.87	0.98
Amer Growth	80.84	86.45	-2.46	0.32
Euro Growth	93.65	99.53e	-1.38	0.45
Far East Gth	89.07	95.26e	-0.45	0.00
Pacific Inc	92.67	98.11e	+0.98	2.35
Pacific Strat	92.06	98.57	-0.82	0.25
UK Prop Inc	70.68	75.59	+0.63	5.25
UK Bridge	44.22	48.28	+0.30	2.91
UK Sml Co	36.52	39.06e	+0.13	3.65
GRE UNIT MANAGERS				
36 Hanover Exchange Square London E14 9QE Tel: 071-638 5858				
Gbl/Fxd Interest	110.6	117.2c	+0.3	8.73
Gth Equity	280.1	277.8	+5.6	3.06
Guardrisk	392.3	397.0e	+5.7	3.16
Inc Tst	101.8	108.6	+2.5	5.70
Intl	98.2	104.3	+1.5	0.70
Managed	485.8	511.4	+8.7	..
N Amer	189.1	202.0	-5.0	0.46
Pacific	288.6	305.1	+4.7	0.00
Smlr Cos	213.9	226.1e	+1.4	0.00
Smlr Cos	212.2	225.7	+1.4	2.56
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HALIFAX STANDARD TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD				
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Amer Equity	58.26	59.69	-1.08	3.94
Channel	62.0	65.7	+0.01	0.54
Equity Inc	96.38	102.5	+0.69	5.46
Euro	116.2	121.9	-2.9	0.99
High Inc	65.86	70.09	+0.52	7.96
Japan	91.23	96.80	+1.39	0.00
N Am	78.70	84.56	-3.02	0.71
Scandinavian	99.46	105.3e	-8.60	0.66
Smlr Cos	98.42	104.2e	-0.66	0.46
UK New Giants	33.83	36.10e	+0.08	2.16
HENDERSON				
Premier UT Administration Assets 6, Finsbury Rd, Dublin, Brentwood, Essex, Tel: 0277 261800				
Am Smlr Cos	58.67	64.52	-2.70	0.00
Asian Enterpris	76.43	82.05	+0.55	0.00
Capital	78.47	83.96	+0.53	0.00
European	278.4	295.2	+3.42	1.17
Euro Inc	56.28	59.67e	-0.02	3.98
Euro Smlr Cos	99.48	105.7	-2.56	0.98
Exempt	77.14	81.86	+0.68	0.00
Family Of Fds	83.38	89.01e	-1.70	2.05
Fixed Interest	48.76	52.09	+0.06	10.79
Global Recovery	72.49	77.01e	+0.81	1.51
High Yield	98.71	104.8	+1.76	5.61
Income/Gth Inc	208.1	219.5	+4.01	5.21
Do Acc	487.5	519.2	+9.48	5.21
Inc Assets	152.9	163.2e	..	5.21

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1	Assoc Br Ports	Transport	
2	Silentnight	Industrials S-Z	
3	GKN	Industrials E-K	
4	HSBC	Banks,Discount	
5	Harland Simon	Electricals	
6	CRH	Building,Roads	
7	Wilson Bowden	Building,Roads	
8	ADT	Industrials A-D	
9	Westpac	Banks,Discount	
10	Concentric	Industrials A-D	
11	Fine Art Dev	Drapery,Stores	
12	Hammerson	Property	
13	APV	Industrials A-D	
14	Thames Water	Water	
15	Lon Intl	Industrials L-R	
16	Body Shop	Drapery,Stores	
17	Brixton	Property	
18	Land Sec	Property	
19	Transport Dev	Transport	
20	Smiths Ind	Industrials S-Z	
21	Racal Telecom	Electricals	
22	Cater Allen	Banks,Discount	
23	Tarmac	Building,Roads	
24	Booker	Foods	
25	Reuters	Industrials L-R	
26	BCC Group	Industrials E-K	
27	Reckitt Colemen	Industrials L-R	
28	Br Land	Property	
29	MEPC	Property	
30	BBA	Industrials A-D	
31	WPP	Paper,Print,Adv	
32	Amber Ind	Industrials A-D	
33	Microfilm Repro	Electricals	
34	Boots	Industrials A-D	
35	Wimpey G	Building,Roads	
36	THORN EMI	Electricals	
37	Albert Fisher	Foods	
38	Amec	Building,Roads	
39	Power Corp	Property	
40	Granada	Industrials E-K	
41	Boddington	Breweries	
42	Morgan Chic	Industrials L-R	
43	Proudfoot Alexander	Industrials L-R	
44	Tomkins	Industrials S-Z	
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MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	Weekly Total

There were no valid claims for yesterday's £2,000 Portfolio Platinum prize.

BRITISH FUNDS

1990/91 High	Low	Stock	Price	Chge	Int pay	Gross Red yield

SHORTS (Under Five Years)

98¾	98¾	Treas	9%	1991	98¾		8.06	10.152
100	99⅞	Exch	11%	1991	99⅞		11.0	10.535
99⅝	99⅜	Treas	11¾%	1992	99⅝			
99⅝	97⅛	Treas	9%	1992	99⅝		9.05	8.256
100⅛	98⅜	Treas	10%	1992	99⅝		9.10	10.088
99⅜	97⅜	Treas	10%	1992	99⅝		9.10	10.177
100⅝	98⅜	Treas	C10¾%	1992	100⅜		10.4	10.158
102⅜	98⅜	Exch	12¾%	1992	102⅜		11.8	10.165
101⅜	98⅜	Treas	12%	1992	100⅜		12.0	10.165
104⅜	98⅜	Exch	13½%	1992	103⅜		13.0	9.997
94	89⅝	Treas	8%	1992	93⅜		8.36	9.251
97¾	93⅝	Treas	10%	1992	96⅝		9.4	9.964
100	97¾	Treas	10%	1993	100		10.0	9.964
104⅜	100⅜	Treas	12¾%	1993	104⅜		12.0	10.089
108⅜	105⅜	Treas	13¾%	1993	107⅜		13.0	10.072
97⅜	93⅜	Treas	8½%	1994	96⅝		8.7	10.088
100	96⅜	Treas	10%	1994	100		10.0	10.088
108⅛	103⅜	Exch	12¾%	1994	108⅛		11.7	10.044
109	106⅜	Exch	13¾%	1994	107⅜		12.5	10.044
111⅛	103⅜	Treas	14½%	1994	110⅜		13.2	10.059
88	72⅝	Exch	9%	1995-05	85⅝	-⅜		
100⅜	94⅜	Exch	10¾%	1995	100⅜		10.1	9.957
106⅜	99⅜	Treas	12¾%	1995	105⅜		11.3	9.898
108⅜	105⅜	Treas	12¾%	1995	109		11.8	10.053

FIVE TO FIFTEEN YEARS

97¾	92⅜	Treas	9%	1992-96	97⅜		9.2	9.727
100	95⅝	Conv	10¾	1992	99⅝		10.8	9.956
98⅜	97¾	Conv	10¾	1992 B	99⅝			
112⅝	108⅜	Exch	13¾%	1993	111⅝	-⅜	11.9	10.166
113⅜	108⅜	Treas	14%	1993	112⅜		12.4	10.305
119⅜	115⅜	Treas	15¼%	1993	118⅜	-⅜	12.9	10.263
94⅜	89⅜	Treas	8½%	1994	94⅜		9.0	9.979
102⅜	97⅜	Conv	10¾%	1997	101⅜		10.3	10.051
113⅜	108⅜	Treas	12¼%	1997	112⅜		11.7	10.192
122⅜	117	Exch	15%	1997	120⅜		12.4	10.353
99⅜	80⅜	Treas	6¾%	1995-98	99⅜		7.8	9.958
99⅜	91⅜	Exch	9¾%	1998	99⅜		9.8	10.088
108⅜	104⅜	Exch	12%	1998	106⅜		11.6	10.165
127⅜	121⅜	Treas	15¾%	1998	125⅜	-⅜	12.5	10.286
97⅜	90⅜	Treas	9¼%	1999	97⅜	-⅜	9.7	9.999
101⅜	95⅜	Conv	10¼%	1999	100⅜	-⅜	10.1	10.078
102⅜	97⅜	Treas	10¼%	1999	102⅜	-⅜	10.2	10.055
111⅜	105⅜	Exch	12¾%	1999	110⅜	-⅜	11.6	10.191
94⅜	89⅜	Conv	9%	2000	94⅜	-⅜	9.5	10.025
118⅜	110⅜	Treas	13%	2000	115⅜	-⅜	11.3	10.250
99⅜	93⅜	Treas	9¾%	2001	96⅜		9.8	9.999
100⅜	93⅜	Treas	10%	2001	96⅜		9.9	9.999
99⅜	93⅜	Treas	10%	2001 a	96⅜		9.9	10.034
118⅜	113	Treas	14%	1998-01	117⅜	-⅜	11.9	10.341
81⅜	77⅜	Exch	8%	2002	81⅜		8.0	9.999
97⅜	93⅜	Conv	9¾%	2002	97⅜		9.9	10.014
97⅜	94⅜	Treas	10%	2002	97⅜		9.99	9.999
100⅜	94⅜	Treas	10%	2003	99⅜		10.0	10.004
117⅜	110⅜	Treas	12¾%	2003-07	117⅜		9.99	9.999
99⅜	93⅜	Treas	9¾%	1999-04	99⅜		9.99	9.999
97⅜	92⅜	Conv	9¾%	2004	96⅜		9.99	9.994
108⅜	102⅜	Treas	11¾%	2001-04	107⅜	-⅜	10.5	10.310
97⅜	92⅜	Conv	9¾%	2005	96⅜		9.99	9.947
118⅜	110⅜	Treas	12¾%	2003-05	116⅜		10.5	10.049

OVER FIFTEEN YEARS

85⅜	79⅜	Treas	8%	2002-06	84⅜		9.4	9.538
90⅜	81⅜	Treas	8¾%	2007	89⅜		9.8	9.835
112⅜	103⅜	Treas	11¾%	2003-07	111⅜		10.5	10.002
94⅜	89⅜	Treas	9%	2008	93⅜		9.64	9.706
99⅜	93⅜	Treas	9%	2008 C	93⅜			
120⅜	113⅜	Treas	13¾%	2004-08	119⅜	-⅜	10.9	10.039
95⅜	90⅜	Treas	9%	2009	94⅜	-⅜	9.49	9.778
94⅜	89⅜	Conv	9%	2011	93⅜		9.67	9.764
99⅜	93⅜	Conv	9%	2011 PP	98⅜			
99⅜	93⅜	Treas	9%	2008-12	98⅜		9.19	9.184
82⅜	74⅜	Treas	7¾%	2012-15	81⅜		9.59	9.774
121⅜	113⅜	Exch	12%	2013-17	119⅜		10.0	9.977

UNDATED

25¾	23¾	Consols	2½%	25⅝				
25¾	23¾	Treas	2½%	25⅝				
25¾	23¾	Treas	3%	25⅝				
38¾	37¾	Conv	3½%	38⅝				
30¾	29¾	Exch	3%	30⅝				
25¾	23¾	War Ln	3½%	25⅝				

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131⅛	126⅞	Treas IL 2%	1992		131⅛	-⅜		
116⅛	111⅛	Treas IL 2½%	1996		116⅛	-⅜		
173⅜	166⅜	Treas IL 2½%	1998		171⅜	-⅜		
141⅛	135	Treas IL 2%	2006		139⅛	-⅜		
128⅛	124⅛	Treas IL 2½%	2006		126⅛	-⅜		
139⅛	133⅛	Treas IL 2½%	2009		137⅛	-⅜		
137⅛	131⅛	Treas IL 2½%	2011		135⅛	-⅜		
114⅛	112⅛	Treas IL 2½%	2016		114⅛	-⅜		
113⅛	108⅛	Treas IL 2½%	2020		113⅛	-⅜		
95⅛	91⅛	Treas IL 2½%	2024		91⅛	-⅜		

BANKS, DISCOUNT, HP

211	211	Abbey National	207	209	+1	13.1	4.5	10.8
188	188	Allied Irish	186	188				
138	138	Ambank (Hong)	136	138		2.8	7.7	
254	254	Bankamerica	250	252				
173	173	Bank of Ireland	170	172				
237	237	Bank Leumi Intl	233	235				
237	237	Bank Leumi UK	233	235		21.1	9.0	15.6
117	117	Bank of Scotland	115	117		8.4	7.2	15.6
207	207	Barclays	204	206		18.2	8.8	24.8
236	236	Brown Shipley	232	234				
312	312	Cater Allen	305	310	+5	20.0	6.5	10.4
84	84	Citibk	82	84		5.1	7.7	9.4
212	212	Clydesdale	208	210				
235	235	Comm Bank	230	232		16.0	4.7	11.5
115	115	Continental Bank	110	115				8.4
212	212	Co-op Bk	208	210	+12	27.3	13	9.4
174	174	Coutts	170	172				
188	188	Credit Lyonnais	184	186		14.3	7.7	16.9
117	117	Duncan Lawrie	113	115				
237	237	Exeter	233	235				
237	237	First Nat Fin	233	235				
237	237	First Nat Bk	233	235				
237	237	Hambros	233	235				
237	237	Hanson Trust	233	235				
237	237	Hill Samuel	233	235				
237	237	Kleinwort Benson	233	235				
237	237	Lazard	233	235				
237	237	Lloyds	233	235				
237	237	Mallinhall	233	235				
237	237	Mercantile House	233	235				
237	237	Midland	233	235				
237	237	Morgan Grenfell	233	235				
237	237	National Australia	233	235				
237	237	National Westminster	233	235				
237	237	Rea Brothers	233	235				
237	237	Rothschild	233	235				
237	237	Royal Bk Canada	233	235				
237	237	Royal Bk Scotland	233	235				
237	237	Schlesinger	233	235				
237	237	Singer & Friedlander	233	235				
237	237	Standard Chartered	233	235				
237	237	Trustee Savings Bk	233	235				
237	237	Union Discount	233	235				
237	237	Yorkshire Bank	233	235				

BREWERIES

396	396	Allied-Lyons	390	392	+1	25.1	4.4	21.6
394	394	Bass	388	390	+1	25.4	4.9	8.4
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An Englishman's home is his castelo

For the rich and not so rich, Portugal offers some bargain buys. **Diana Wildman** reports

Leisure property sales in Portugal are still stagnant as the recession continues to bite – and the holiday home market both in Europe and the United States continues at its lowest ebb. The only bright spot on the European front is that Italy has relaxed its exchange control regulations, resulting in a number of sales in Portugal, Spain, Switzerland, and southern France.

Potential purchasers, particularly at the top end of the market, are in a strong position. Not only is there a wide selection of good properties available, but all prices are negotiable.

Buying in Portugal is straightforward, provided the relevant criteria are adhered to. After consulting an independent lawyer to check all aspects of the purchase, a promissory contract is signed, and a 10 per cent non-refundable deposit is paid. This forms a legally binding contract.

The lawyer then applies to the Bank of Portugal for a licence to legally import the necessary funds for the purchase – a procedure that normally takes about four months. Then the property transfer tax must be paid. On properties between £56,000 and £70,000, it is 18 per cent of the purchase price. From £70-84,000, it is 26 per cent and on properties priced at more than £84,000, it falls to 10 per cent. The final step on acquiring the property is to register with the local inland revenue.

Hampton International in London, together with local agents Alpart, are selling two smart modern villas at the western end of the Algarve. The first, called Turtle Creek, was built in 1984 in 18th century classical style, complete with first floor terracing and white colonnaded balustrades. It is set in an acre of mature garden, overlooking the 12th fairway of the Penina golf course within the Penina estate. There are five double bedrooms, four reception rooms, a large entrance hall complete with a curved marble staircase. Turtle Creek is for sale at £695,000. For those interested in building a guest annexe, there is half an acre of adjoining land available for £60,000.

Currently under construction is a five-bedroom country house on a large site on Funchal Ridge, about a mile from the ancient walled market and fishing port of Lagos, and four golf courses are within easy reach. There are views over the countryside towards the sea, and Hamptons and Alpart are seeking offers of about £330,000.

Details: Hamptons International, 6 Arlington Street, London SW1A 1RB (071-493 8222). Alpart, Avenida dos Descobrimentos, 19/25, 8600 Lagos, Portugal (082 769 750).

Domus Abroad is selling a selection of one, two and three-bedroom villas at Club Albufeira, 30 minutes' drive from Faro airport, and just minutes from the fishing village of Albufeira. A well established holiday complex, it is suitable for families. There are beautifully landscaped gardens and a large leisure complex with swimming-pools, sauna, restaurant, bars, disco and tennis courts. Commercial facilities make it a self-sufficient development, and include a supermarket, a hairdresser, and a laundrette. There is also an on-site rental and management service. Prices range from £52,000 to £90,400.

Details: Domus Abroad, 4 Gardnor Road, London NW3 1HA (071-409 0571).

The most beautiful area of Portugal is the stretch of Atlantic coast just north of Lisbon, with the historic town of Sintra being the focal point of the area. In the early 19th century, Lord Byron wrote that the town of Sintra was "perhaps in every respect the most delightful in Europe".

Within 45 minutes of Lisbon airport, and with nearby facilities including 18-hole golf courses, tennis courts, beaches, parks, restaurants, and shopping, Sintra is a lovely place both to live or to visit.

Just a mile from Sintra is Castelo do Monte Serano, a six-storey, classically styled castle built in 1927 and completely renovated in 1969. Set in one-and-a-half acres of terraced grounds, there are magnificent views of the ocean and surrounding countryside. It has seven bedrooms, four bathrooms, three receptions, and a large studio situated at the top of the main tower. Sotheby's International is asking £1.235 million for this vast edifice.

Even more dramatic is Quinta do Biester, set in 22 acres, one-and-a-half miles from the centre of Sintra, and 22 miles from Lisbon airport. Quinta do Biester was built in 1890 for Ernest Riester, the German industrialist, by an architect who enjoyed the patronage of the king of Portugal. There are four panelled reception rooms, a small chapel, and seven bedrooms. The second floor comprises 10 rooms, and, in addition, there is a vast basement with wine cellar and seven storage rooms.

Details: Sotheby's International, 34 New Bond Street, London W1A 2AA (071-408 5196).

Martin and Joanne Sturgis have started a new company called Algarve Apartments and Villas, renting and selling homes on a number of estates, including Vale do Lobo, Quinta do Lago, and Dunas Douradas. At the top end of the range, a four-bedroom villa in Vale do Lobo, complete with tennis court and swimming-pool, is priced at £200,000 to buy, or £1,440 a week to rent during July and August.

Martin Sturgis says: "We thought we should maintain our presence by building up a rental programme. The idea is to let property for private rental to see if people are really interested in becoming purchasers."

Details: Algarve Apartments and Villas, 33 Sloane Street, London SW1X 9NR (071-259 5665).



Millionaire's view: Castelo do Monte Serano, set in one-and-a-half acres overlooking the sea

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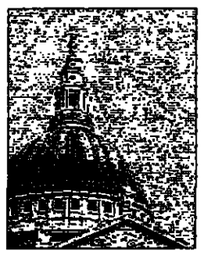
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Moscow market stalled

Office planning in the Soviet capital has been booming, says a survey, but that was before Mr Gorbachev's fall, Christopher Warman writes

Until Monday, the prospects for the Moscow commercial property market were good. Without any reason to believe otherwise, Jones Lang Wootton, in its latest report on the market in 21 European centres, reported that the move towards a market economy in the Soviet Union appeared increasingly irreversible.

In that situation, there was a strong and unsatisfied demand for office accommodation, with a number of large schemes planned. "Given the time needed for finalising the necessary joint ventures, negotiating leases and clearing the bureaucratic hurdles to obtain building permits, these office developments are typically unlikely to start before the middle to end of 1992."

Commenting in the light of the Soviet coup, Chris Drury, a partner in JLW's European business team, says that no serious investor, or indeed company, ever believed it was going to be a smooth ride doing business in Russia. "Probably most will mark time awaiting the outcome of events," he says.

In its round-up of activity in Moscow, JLW says it is possible that many of the proposed schemes will not be implemented, as developers discover the difficulties of bringing them to fruition. The smaller schemes, not requiring much funding and able to be completed quickly, have been proving the most successful.

One of the largest schemes announced this year is for a £150 million British-Soviet trade centre in Moscow, to be built under an agreement allowing the joint partners to acquire the 99-year lease of a five acre site. When announced in May, it was believed to be the first time that such a project between the Soviet Union and a western enterprise had been approved since the 1917 revolution. The British Carroll Group is to develop the site with the Moscow hotels association, and completion was projected for 1994. It remains to be seen whether the Soviet turmoil will affect the market in western Europe.

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The market has begun to recover only recently from its previous international crisis, which began in August last year with the Iraqi invasion of Kuwait that provoked the Gulf conflict. Jones Lang Wootton's report shows that the fillip to business sentiment provided by the end of hostilities in the Gulf rapidly worked its way through to the property sector, and during the second quarter of 1991 normal levels of property activity returned in most European markets.

This followed the general downturn of business in the first quarter of the year as a result of the war, which had an inevitable impact on Europe's property markets, causing investment and occupier activity to suffer as decisions were deferred and markets temporarily stagnated.

The report says that, despite these setbacks, international cross-border investment and development is once again a growing feature in most markets, although still relatively limited in France. The strongest new sources of investment money is German, with private and institutional funds keen to diversify into other markets.

In London, the office market remains depressed, at or near the bottom of its cycle. Despite the absence of rental growth potential in the short term, there is considerable investor interest in exploiting yields, which are at an all-time high, and the UK is a popular target for German investment money.

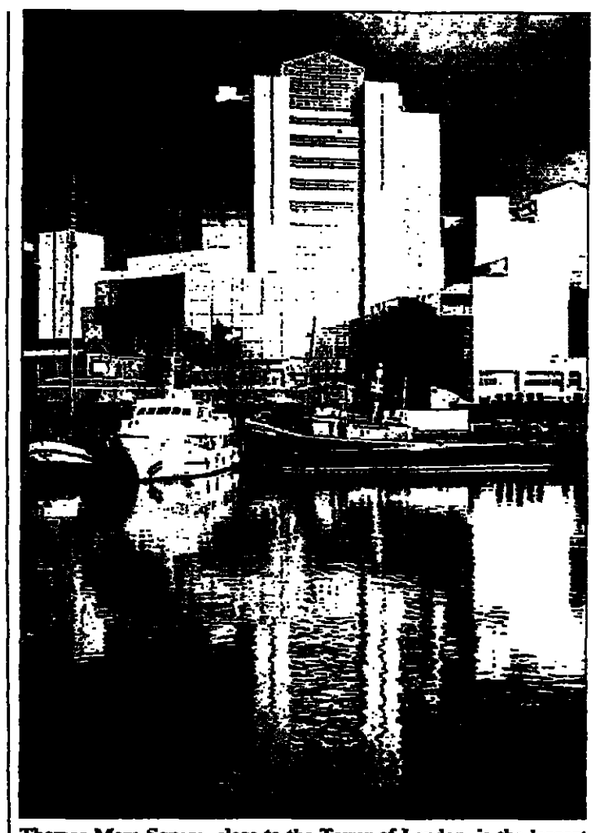
Looking across Europe, Jones Lang Wootton says that many of the larger Scandinavian property companies and institutions that dominated investment markets in recent years are reappraising their strategies, and the earlier flood of Swedish investment capital has dwindled to a trickle, albeit temporarily.

Likewise, Japanese activity, following substantial investments in London in 1990, has not been great across Europe as a whole although recently there have been several large deals in Germany.

Germany has been a target for French developers as the boom in the leading markets there continues. There has been rental growth across the board, with firm investment yields, while Hamburg and Dusseldorf appear to be well placed to benefit from reunification and the single European market. Berlin's spectacular growth has also continued in the context of an extremely undersupplied letting market, with rents doubling in the past year.

In contrast, the market in Paris is past its peak, with prices significantly lower than 12 months ago. A severe downturn is not forecast, however, and there should be good opportunities to buy against the trend in the near future, the agent advises.

The Belgian and Dutch markets remain healthy, notably in Brussels and Amsterdam. Environmental issues and restrictive planning policies are now starting to raise rents and values in the main Dutch markets. Brussels continues to attract international corporate occupiers and to benefit from increasing take-up from EC-related activities, including the move to new premises of 3,300 commission staff from their Berlaymont headquarters.



Thomas More Square, close to the Tower of London, is the largest single development by a Swedish company in Britain. Skanska, Scandinavia's largest property investment and construction company, has built six office buildings providing 550,000 sq ft. The 13-storey central Trinity Tower contains 241,836 sq ft. The first tenants are Kansallis, the Finnish merchant bank, which has taken 53,000 sq ft, and Mercury Communications (15,000 sq ft). The site will have its own shops, a health club, wine bar and restaurant. Grimley JR Eve and Healey & Baker, the joint agents, are asking £35 per sq ft.

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☐ The restaurant site in Oxford Street, central London, occupied for many years by Mayur, which is operated by the Indian Tea Centre, is considered the last remaining bastion of catering independence in the street. The agent Davis & Coffer has been instructed by the landlords Trevian Holdings to seek offers around £500,000 for a new lease on the 6,000 sq ft premises. The agent says that the site could be used by a building society or bank, or converted into a shop. The building has attracted considerable interest.

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European Law Report

Luxembourg

Work permits in Isle of Man

Department of Health and Social Security (Isle of Man) v Barr and Another
Case C-355/89
Before Judge G. F. Mancini, acting as President and Judges T. F. O'Higgins, J. C. Moitinho de Almeida, G. C. Rodriguez Iglesias, M. Diez de Velasco, Sir Gordon Slynn, R. Joliet, F. A. Schockweiler, F. Grévisse, M. Zuleeg and P. J. G. Kapteyn.
Advocate General F. G. Jacobs (Opinion January 10)
[Judgment July 3]

Since the right to take up employment was a matter governed by Community law, the rule laid down in article 4 of the Protocol on the Isle of Man applied to that right even though Community nationals could not thereby obtain on the Isle of Man the benefit of the rules on the free movement of workers.

The Court of Justice of the European Communities so held in replying to questions submitted to it by the Deputy High Bailiff's Court, Douglas, Isle of Man for a preliminary ruling.

Criminal proceedings had been instituted on the basis of charges brought by the Department of Health and Social Security (Isle of Man) against Mr Barr in his capacity as an employee, and against Montrose Holdings Ltd in its capacity as his employer, for committing an offence contrary to certain provisions of the Control of Employment Act 1975, an Act of Tynwald.

Mr Barr, a national of the United Kingdom, had taken up employment with Montrose as a company lawyer without obtaining the special work permit required for such a post by the Control of Employment Act in the case of persons who were not Isle of Man workers.

The defendants in the Manx proceedings admitted the facts specified in the summonses but pleaded that the proceedings should be dismissed in that the Isle of Man statute was contrary to article 4 of Protocol No 3 on the Channel Islands and the Isle of Man (OJ No L73 *English* Special Edition March 27, 1972 p164) to the act concerning the conditions of accession and the adjustments to the treaties (OJ No L73 English Special Edition March 27, 1972 p14). According to that article the authorities of the territories concerned "shall apply the same treatment to all natural and legal persons of the Community".

In those circumstances the Deputy High Bailiff's Court decided to stay the proceedings and refer two questions to the European Court of Justice for a preliminary ruling.

In its judgment the European Court ruled:

Jurisdiction of the Court

It was appropriate to consider first whether the Deputy High Bailiff's Court was to be regarded as a court or tribunal which was empowered to refer questions to the Court of Justice pursuant to article 177 of the EEC Treaty even though, under English law, that court did not form part of the court system of the United Kingdom.

According to article 227(5)(c) of the EEC Treaty, as amended by the Act of Accession, the provisions of the EEC Treaty were applicable to the Channel Islands and the Isle of Man only to the extent provided for by Protocol No 3.

Furthermore, according to article 1(3) of the Treaty of Accession, the provisions concerning the powers and jurisdiction of the institutions of the Communities were to apply in respect of Protocol No 3 which, according to article 158 of the Act of Accession, formed an integral part thereof. Accordingly, the jurisdiction in preliminary ruling proceedings conferred on the Court by article 177 of the Treaty extended to Protocol No 3.

Moreover, it would be impossible to ensure the uniform application of Protocol No 3 in the Isle of Man if its courts and tribunals were unable to refer questions to the Court concerning the interpretation of that Protocol, the interpretation and validity of the Community legislation to which that Protocol referred, and the interpretation and validity of measures adopted by the Community institutions on the basis of Protocol No 3.

It followed that in order to ensure the uniform application of that Protocol, the Deputy High Bailiff's Court was to be regarded as a court or tribunal empowered to refer questions on those matters to the Court of Justice pursuant to article 177 of the Treaty.

Work permit requirement

The first part of the first question and the second question were in substance to be regarded as seeking to ascertain whether the fact that the Isle of Man authorities required all Community nationals who wished to take up a given type of employment to hold a work permit, constituted a breach of the obligation to ensure equal treatment laid down in article 4 of Protocol No 3, where national legislation provided for derogations from that obligation for other types of employment and the effect of those derogations, in certain cases, was to render those types of employment accessible only to nationals of two member states.

In that regard it was to be pointed out that, as the United Kingdom had rightly emphasized, the rule laid down in article 4 of Protocol No 3 could not be interpreted in such a way as to be used as an indirect means of applying on the territory of the Isle of Man, provisions of Community law which were not applicable there by virtue of article 227(5)(c) of the EEC Treaty and article 1 of the Protocol No 3, such as the rules on free movement of workers.

However, contrary to the view taken by the United Kingdom, the principle of equal treatment laid down by article 4 of Protocol No 3 was not limited exclusively to the matters governed by Community rules which were referred to in article 1 of that protocol. Article 1 related to the free movement of goods, while article 4 applied to natural and legal persons.

Article 4 was therefore to be regarded as an independent provision so far as its scope was concerned. It was to be interpreted as precluding any discrimination between natural and legal persons from member states in relation to situations which, in territories where the Treaty was fully applicable, were governed by Community law.

Since the right to take up employment was a matter governed by Community law, the rule laid down by article 4 of Protocol No 3 applied to that right even though Community nationals could not thereby obtain on the Isle of Man the benefit of the rules on the free movement of workers.

In the light of those considerations, the possibility that nationals of some member states of the Community might suffer discrimination by comparison with nationals of other member states, as regards certain types of employment, could not be regarded as affecting the compatibility with Community law of the requirement of a work permit for other types of employment, provided that that requirement was applied without discrimination to all Community nationals.

Contrary to the view taken by the defendants in the main proceedings, the possibility of discrimination in the case of certain types of employment did not necessarily have the effect of rendering the entire system established by the Control of Employment Act incompatible with Community law.

Treatment of Community nationals

The second limb of the first question sought in substance to ascertain whether the provisions of Protocol No 3 required the Isle of Man authorities to grant Community nationals the same treatment, with regard to employment, as that which was granted to Manxmen by the United Kingdom.

According to article 2 of Protocol No 3, the rights enjoyed by Manxmen in the United Kingdom were not affected by the Act of Accession. However, that article specified that such persons did not benefit from the Community provisions relating to the free movement of persons and services.

Article 2 of Protocol No 3 could not therefore be interpreted as requiring the Isle of Man authorities to treat natural or legal persons from the Community in the same manner as Manxmen were treated in the United Kingdom. Nor was any such rule laid down elsewhere in the protocol.

On those grounds, the European Court ruled:

1 The fact that the Isle of Man authorities required all Community nationals who wished to take up employment on the island to hold a work permit did not constitute in the case of employment in general a breach of the obligation to ensure equal treatment laid down in article 4 of Protocol No 3 on the Channel Islands and the Isle of Man, even though national legislation provided for derogations from that obligation in the case of certain types of employment and the effect of those derogations was to give rise, in certain cases, to differences of treatment on the ground of nationality.

2 The provisions of Protocol No 3 were to be interpreted as not requiring the Isle of Man authorities to grant to Community nationals the same treatment, with regard to employment, as that which was granted to Manxmen by the United Kingdom.

Pollution directive annulled

Commission of the European Communities (supported by the European Parliament, intervener) v Council of the European Communities
Case C-300/89
Before O. Due, President and Judges G. F. Mancini, T. F. O'Higgins, J. C. Moitinho de Almeida, G. C. Rodriguez Iglesias, M. Diez de Velasco, Sir Gordon Slynn, C. N. Kakouris, R. Joliet, F. A. Schockweiler, and M. Zuleeg
Advocate General G. Tesauro (Opinion March 13)
[Judgment June 11]

The purpose of the cooperation procedure introduced by the *Single European Act* was to reinforce the participation of the European Parliament in the Communities' legislative procedure and that participation would be called in question if, by virtue of simultaneous reference to articles 100A and 130S of the Treaty as the legal basis for a directive, the Council was, in any event, bound to adopt the measure unanimously.

The Court of Justice of the European Communities so held in annulling Council Directive No 89/428/EEC of June 21, 1989 on procedures for harmonizing the programmes for the reduction and eventual elimination of pollution caused by waste from the titanium dioxide industry (OJ 1989 No L201 p56).

Following the entry into force of the Single European Act, the Commission, which had originally proposed that the directive be adopted on the basis of articles 100 and 235 of the EEC Treaty, amended the legal basis of its proposal so that, instead, it would be based on article 100A of the EEC Treaty which had been added by the Single European Act.

However, at its meeting on November 24 and 25, 1988 the Council arrived at a joint position according to which the future directive should be based on article 130S of the EEC Treaty. Despite the objections raised by the European Parliament the Council acting unanimously, adopted the directive on the basis of article 130S.

Taking the view that Council Directive 89/428 had not been adopted on a valid legal basis, in as much as it had been adopted pursuant to article 130S instead of article 100A, the Commission lodged the present action for annulment of the directive.

The Commission, supported by the European Parliament, argued that the directive, although it contributed to the protection of the environment, had as its principal objective or "centre of gravity" the improvement of the conditions for competition in the titanium dioxide industry. It therefore constituted a measure relating to the establishment and functioning of the internal market, within the meaning of article 100A, and should therefore have been based on that enabling provision.

In its judgment the Court of Justice of the European Communities held as follows:

In the context of the scheme of powers of the Community, the choice of the legal basis of an act could not depend solely on the conviction of an institution as to the aim pursued, but had to be based on objective grounds which might be subject to judicial review. Among those grounds were, in particular, the purpose and content of the act concerned.

Article 1 of the directive indicated that it was aimed, on the one hand, at harmonising programmes for reduction of poll

Death throes mark the end of the rainbow

By BRIAN CLARKE

I was fly-fishing, walking slowly upstream, looking for the first rising trout. It had been a glorious day, a blue haze quietened the valley. Cattle drowsed, swifts sculpted the air. The first gossamer flies of evening were lifting from the water, tremulously flickering upwards into the sun.

I had rounded the bend when I saw it: an odd movement, a heavy, spasmodic ebbing of rings close in by the distant bank. There were no sounds of duck, there was no sight of a vole. The water was too shallow for a dab chick to dive in or swim.

It was not the place for a trout to be; trout would be on the outside of such a bend where the water was deeper and where the current funnelled the flies into a thin, dense line, where it made them easiest to get with least energy expended.

I walked quietly upstream, looking hard. The far bank was lined with rushes. Between the gravel bed mid-stream and the rushes, the river shallowed rapidly. A narrow, filtered channel, perhaps a yard and a half long, ran right through the rushes, into the bank.

Watercress grew on both sides of the channel, yellow flag iris grew tall at the end. As I drew opposite, there came again, from right inside the channel, that curious, spasmodic ebbing of ripples, that occasional, hesitant splash and, this time, the unmistakable gleam from the belly of a big fish.

When the commotion had stopped and the silt clouds had settled, I saw a large trout lying on its side, head towards the bank. Every two minutes or so it appeared to convulse, its tail arching repeatedly upwards, slapping and smacking back down on the water.

The movements were feeble



Remarkable sight: rainbow trout rarely acclimatise here

but every flap of the tail inched the great fish forward. The trout was clearly dying and its death throes were driving it forward into the bank; it was beaching itself head-first. By the time I had found a place to wade and had reached the spot, the fish was a pathetic sight, only just alive.

Its head was resting on a piece of cress below the water, its upper cheek lay a fraction under the surface. Of its entire body, only the membrane of its rounded eye broke the surface, the yellow iris and black pupil exposed to the sun. It was a bizarre detail, one that my own eye focused in on, like a scene from a Hitchcock film.

The trout's body was covered in silt, not evenly but in a curiously barred pattern, so that it looked quite like a perch. There was silt in its gills. Its mouth lay open and, dreadfully, there was silt inside that as well.

I was wrestling with myself – to kill it outright or to leave it be – when the end came. There were a few more weak spasms. The fish's tail trembled and fretted.

A pectoral fin lifted from its flank to leave a bright outline of itself in the silt on the scales. The fin reached far out and twirled unnaturally. The lower jaw jerked sharply shut a half-dozen times, as though the fish were still trying to kill something hard and alive in its mouth.

Then the exposed eyeball tilted a little towards the nose, stared sightlessly at something finally arrived, and rolled loosely back. The dome of the sky looked down at it.

Somewhere a blackbird sang. A trout sploshed in the current on the outside of the bend, where all trout should have been. Long moments passed before I made to stand up.

As I straightened, something again caught my eye; circular shapes, white or pink, lying on the silt. There was no thinking time, but in the moment it took me to alter focus and look, I was expecting to see petals, fallen from an overhead flower.

They were eggs. I counted 36 of them, 29 around the fish's body, several others further back down the channel. They were dead eggs, of course, white, some of them with just a touch of orange, all of them flaccid, half-full.

I looked back at the fish and touched it for the first time, lifting it up. As she came to the vertical, her body hanging heavily, a thin rush of eggs poured down the trout's flank, streaming and plopping into the water. I had never seen such a thing on a river before.

I saw that her vent was swollen and torn, that her fins were tattered and frayed. Her body, when I gently washed the silt away, was scratched from end to end.

Her tail was half-eaten away. With a tail like that, and in the state she was in, she had never been intended for the river.

Somehow she had escaped from a fish farm further upstream, escaped from the hell of the holding pond where thousands of others like her would have been jammed-packed, swimming in endless Orwellian circles, biting the tails of the fishes in front and being bitten, in turn, from behind.

Free in the wide waters and laden with eggs, she had sought out the kind of gravel in which she was programmed to spawn, the same gravel in which the wild trout of the river had themselves always spawned. And she had tried hard, desperately hard, to do it herself.

She was not to know that the other fish were all brown trout, the species native to Britain. Nor was she to know that she was a rainbow trout, an imported fish that has never become acclimatised here.

In more than 100 years, a rainbow trout has spawned successfully in only a tiny handful of English streams. But this was not one of them and she was not to know that, either.

British contender prepares to make amends in world championships

Regis will go full distance to establish a new image

From DAVID POWELL
ATHLETICS CORRESPONDENT
TOKYO

TOKYO 1991

JOHN Regis took one final look at the photograph on top of his television before he left home for the world championships. It reminded him of why he is going into the 200 metres here on Monday only as a challenger and not as the defending champion.

In Rome four years ago, at the last world championships Regis had the gold medal in his pocket but let it slip through a hole. He put the photograph on the television to make sure the memory was kept fresh. "To remind me I had the chance to be a world champion, to make sure I realise what this season is about," he said.

That 1987 world championship final haunts him. "I could not see anybody at 195 metres and I told myself: 'I'm champion of the world'. In that instant they caught me on the line. I was waiting for the line to come to me. I turned off the engine and Calvin Smith and Gilles Queneherve were still driving."

Regis had a world champion knee but a bronze medal torso. "The picture shows that, from my knee down, I crossed the line first." His medal showed he was third. "World champion at 199 metres" was how he described himself.

This season's form and statistics suggest that Regis will be third once more. Michael Johnson, of the United States, and Frankie Fredericks, of Namibia, have beaten him twice in the last three weeks. Johnson has not lost a 200-metre race for 15 months, including five wins over Regis.

The Belgrave Harrier's defence is that he has been building for one big performance. He even declined to defend his world indoor title last March to ensure a thorough winter's preparation. It was July before speed took over from strength training.

And now? "I think I am ready to run under 20 seconds." No Briton has done that. "Breaking 20 seconds will be the next landmark for a British sprinter." Linford Christie's British record is 20.09sec, Regis's best 20.11sec. Johnson has run 19.85sec and, this season, 20.02sec.

Regis's recent defeats by Johnson were a means to an end. "I had to study from close-up the way they run," he said. "Michael picks up from 50 metres to 150 metres. That is where he is most devastating . . . awesome. If you can stay with him in that period of the race, you have got a chance. I know what I have to do to win."

Regis abandoned his intention of running both sprints when he discovered that the 100 metres was on the first and second days of the championships and the 200 metres on the third and fourth. "Eight races in four days at world championship level is not a task for mere mortals," he said.

But is Regis mortal? To win four medals at one European championships, as he did in Split last year, the first man to do so, he needed the speed of a 100-metre runner and the strength of a 400 metres athlete. He was a revelation in the 4 x 400 metres relay, running faster than Roger Black, the individual champion.

"He could run 43.5sec and that is the event he should go for in the Olympics," Frank Dick, Britain's head coach, said. There is even more to Regis than that. At the start of this track season, he tried the hurdles. In the race in which Colin Jackson set a world best for flights over 200 metres, Regis was less than two-tenths behind.

This time, three medals will do Regis: two from the relays and one from the 200 metres. But will he be able to take down the photograph on his television when he gets home? "Winning will be harder than it was in 1987, but I think it will be a case of who wants it most, and I'm hungry. Every time I look at the picture, I tell myself I am running 205 metres." Better a world champion at 205 metres than at 199.

Sex tests cause complaint

From DAVID POWELL

THE British team doctor here in Tokyo, Dr Malcolm Brown, is refusing to conduct the gender-verification test which the International Amateur Athletic Federation (IAAF) requires every new international athlete to undergo.

A revised method of verification has been brought in by the IAAF to replace the Buccal smear test, under which tissue from inside the mouth is analysed, because this test was found to be fallible.

Under the new procedure, international athletes, male and female, must undergo a medical health check and physical examination. While welcoming the health check, Brown says that the invasion of privacy of a physical examination to determine gender is unnecessary.

He is ignoring the section on the IAAF's health and gender certificate relating to mammary glands and genital organs.

Several weeks ago, Dr Brown wrote to Professor Arne Ljungqvist, the chairman of the IAAF medical committee, explaining his stance and, because he has received no reply, is standing his ground with the first events of the championships only three days away.

"I asked how we were supposed to go about assessing the gender," Brown said yesterday. "They have given us no guidelines and, if it is an intimate examination, it is not appropriate for us, as team doctors, to do it."

"I feel confident of assessing the gender of all members of our team by examining them with their athletic clothing on. If the IAAF feel they have to have a method of policing to prevent some people masquerading as women, they should have the Buccal smear test."

Brown said that the test, though fallible, should remain and only in the case of an abnormal result should the athlete then undergo a physical examination. "What the IAAF has said is that any athlete who is not already on the femininity list and has not had an examination done by their own doctor will have to have an examination here in Japan."

This applied to three or four women in the British team. "They were told to get their medical examinations done before they came here but, for various reasons, some have not," Brown said.

A spokesman for the IAAF confirmed that the tests applied only to those not already on the femininity list. "Any athlete who has not got a certificate will have to have the check done in Tokyo," the spokesman said. "Anyone with an incomplete certificate will be dealt with at Arne Ljungqvist's discretion."

S Africans bank on Barcelona date

TOKYO (AFP) – South African athletes believe they will compete in next year's Olympic Games in Barcelona, despite being refused full membership of the International Amateur Athletic Federation. "We think it will shock people back home into getting together, putting all their differences aside," Bruce Fordyce, the marathon runner said yesterday.

Fordyce and five other athletes' representatives from South Africa came to lobby their case when the newly-formed South African Amateur Athletic Association (SAAA) refused to send a team here following a divisive vote.

Fanie van Zijl, the former national mile record holder, a white, criticised politically-motivated administrators.

"It's time now to have our destiny in our hands," Brandile Sindani, the black distance runner, said. "There's no stopping us now. We are sitting here united. We'll definitely be in Barcelona."

However, the six men dismissed suggestions that their athletes' committee was trying to take over the sport in South Africa. Istvan Gyulai, an IAAF council member and press director, said South Africa could apply for membership at any other time. An extraordinary session could vote on the issue if requested by one third of IAAF members. Gyulai said the IAAF did not want to keep South Africa out of every Olympic sport but athletics at Barcelona.

The IAAF, whose president, Primo Nebiolo, had welcomed South Africa with open arms in May, decided here that South Africa could not return because it had yet to form a single governing body with a development programme for all races. The African Amateur Athletic Confederation has given South Africa until October 12 to meet IAAF conditions and gain full membership of the continental body.



Nebiolo: welcoming

Roberts seizes the initiative

By MICHAEL SEELY
RACING CORRESPONDENT

CLIVE Brittain's lean spell of 38 days without a winner ended dramatically in brilliant sunshine at York yesterday when a brilliantly opportunist ride by Michael Roberts saw Terimon beat Quest for Fame by a decisive two lengths in the Juddmonte International Stakes.

Not for nothing is Brittain known as a destroyer of reputations. And enterprising tactics not only by Roberts but also by Pat Eddery on the runner-up saw this season's form book torn into shreds as Stagecraft and Environment Friend, the principals in the Coral Eclipse Stakes, finish third and fifth respectively without ever looking likely to land a blow.

"I thought it would be a tactical race, so I left it to the master tactician," said the trainer, triumphantly. "It's good to be back in the big time again. Terimon is just about the only one of my horses that wasn't affected by the virus."

After providing one of the sensations of the 1989 season when finishing runner-up to Nashwan in the Derby at 500-1, Terimon, although twice successful in the Earl of Sefton Stakes at Newmarket in 1990 and again this year, has seemed destined to be the bridesmaid rather than the bride in group one events.

Just about his best performance in defeat had been when finishing a half-length second to In The Groove in the Coronation Cup.

All kinds of experiments have been tried with Lady Beaverbrooks idiosyncratic five-year-old on the gallops at Newmarket, including attempts to make the running and the fitting of blinkers. But so far nothing has proved successful. Ironically it was only a split-second decision by Roberts that triggered off yesterday's front-running manoeuvre.

"When no one wanted to go on, I thought I'd better make it to avoid having to pull him about," said the eleven-times champion jockey of South Africa. "Sometimes I wish he was human, so I could talk to him. But this time he really enjoyed himself in front. And when I asked him to quicken he kept on pulling it out all the way to the line. It doesn't mean he'd do it again."

Eddery commented: "It was only a four-furlong sprint. I thought we could pick Terimon up any time we wanted, but he kept finding more."

Races like the Irish Champion Stakes and the Breeders' Cup Turf may now be on Terimon's agenda. But the Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe, which was won by Quest For Fame's sire, Rainbow Quest, is now the likely target for the runner-up.

"We might give him another race beforehand," said Roger Charlton, "but I want to talk to Jeremy Tree about it."

Michael Stoute had no excuses to advance for Stagecraft, the 5-4 on favourite. But the fact remains that the remainder of the field had a hopeless task in attempting to give the first two home four or five lengths start in the last quarter of a mile after a slowly-run race.

Jim Bolger, whose Topanoora finished fourth, summed it up: "You would have thought it would have been in someone's interest to run a pacemaker. We couldn't afford it as it would have cost £7,000 to fly one over."

The result of the Juddmonte International certainly hammered home the lesson of Generous's supremacy to his British-trained rivals. The dual Derby and King George VI and Queen Elizabeth Diamond Stakes winner remains 5-4 on favourite for the Arc with Corals. They then go 7-1 Epervier Bleu, 12-1 Suave Dancer, 14-1 Quest For Fame and and Snurge.

Confirming that Generous would go to Paris without a preliminary race, Anthony Penfold, Fahd Salman's racing manager, said: "There's just a chance that he could run in the Champion Stakes after that. But in no circumstances would he go for the Breeders' Cup as a bad performance at the end of a long season could damage his reputation."

Michael Stoute had a disappointing afternoon as not only was Niodini narrowly defeated by Torrey Canyon in the Deploy Acomb Stakes, Sadlers' Hall came home six lengths adrift of Corupt in the Great Voltigeur Stakes.

Corupt, so disappointing in the Derby and again at Ascot and Ayr, certainly redeemed his reputation. Eddery, completing a double, deserves all the credit for making every yard of the running on Neville Callaghan's three-year-old. "We discussed it beforehand and decided that we didn't want to be beaten by a muddling pace," said the trainer. "So I left it up to Pat as he's a master at this kind of thing. I want to run him in the St Leger as he's certainly bred to get the distance on his dam's side."

It was like old times after the Racecall Melrose Handicap when Lester Piggott was cheered to the echo after driving Micheletti to a decisive win over Roberty Lea.

Yesterday's 11-2 winner is trained by Henry Cecil for Piggott's old friend and ally Charles St George. "He stays well and is very game," said the owner, "let's hope he makes a Leger horse."

The riding honours of the opening afternoon of the Ebor meeting were divided between Eddery and Darryll Holland, who landed a 34-1 double by winning the Lonsdale Stakes on Supreme Choice for Barry Hills and the Eglinton Nursery on Misunderstanding, who stormed home by five lengths to win the two-year-old handicap for Lynda Ramsden.

☐ Sedgefield is offering a special incentive for steeplechasers competing at the course. The John Wade Sedgefield chase challenge offers a bonus of £12,000 for connections of the first horse to win any five chases at the course during the 1991-92 season.

☐ The 1991 Grand National winner Seagram will be paraded at Newton Abbot on August 28, the final day of track's August festival meeting.



Master tactician: Lester Piggott conjures a winning run from Henry Cecil's Micheletti to capture the Melrose Handicap at York yesterday

TODAY'S FIXTURES

FOOTBALL

7.30 unless stated

European Cup Winners' Cup
Preliminary round, first leg

Galway v Odense ..... (6.30, at Ballinderreen)
Sparkasse Stockerau v Tottenham .... (6.30, at Austria Vienna)

Barclays League
First division

Aston Villa v Manchester U.....
Coventry v Luton (7.45).....
Manchester C v Liverpool (7.45) .....
Oldham v Chelsea .....
QPR v Norwich (7.45) .....

Second division

Derby v Middlesbrough.....

Rumbelows Cup
First round, first leg

Cambridge v Reading (7.45).....
Cardiff v Bournemouth.....
Charlton v Fulham (7.45)..... (at West Ham)
Exeter v Birmingham .....
Leicester v Maidstone (7.45).....
Stoke v Chesterfield.....

Skol Cup
First round

Cowdenbeath v Arbroath.....

Second round

Clyde v Aberdeen.....
Dundee v Ayr .....
Meadowbank v St Johnstone.....
Morton v Celtic.....

BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE: Premier division: Bashley v Gloucester; Corby v Moor Green; Poole v Trowbridge; VS Rugby v Worcester; Weisdstone v Dartford. Midland division: Dudley v Sutton Coldfield; Hinckley v Rushden; Solihull v Bilston; Yate v Stourbridge. Southern division: Burnham v Dunstable; Canterbury v Baldock; Salisbury v Newport IOW

DIADORA LEAGUE: First division: Molesey v Walton and Hersham. Second division: Newbury v Hungerford. Third division: Collier Row v Hornchurch; Eastbourne v Horsham; Edgware v Kingsbury; Tring v Thame.

PONTINS LEAGUE: First division: Barnsley v Sheffield United (7.0); Bradford City v Bolton; Nottingham Forest v Leeds (7.0); Rotherham v Everton (7.0); Sheffield Wednesday v West Bromwich (7.0); Sunderland v Newcastle (7.0). Second division: Burnley v Preston (7.15); Grimsby v Oldham (7.0); Hull v Wolverhampton (7.0); Mansfield v Wigan (7.0); Port Vale v York (7.0).

NEVILLE OVENDEN COMBINATION: Fulham v Arsenal (2.0); Swindon v Reading (2.0); Southampton v West Ham; Watford v Ipswich; Wimbledon v QPR.

LEAGUE OF IRELAND CUP: Cobh Ramblers v Cork (6.30); Finn Harps v Forest (6.30); St Patricks A v UCD (6.30), Bray v Shelbourne (6.30); Home Farm v Shamrock (6.30).

JEWSON LEAGUE: Premier division: Chatteris v Wisbech; Stowmarket v Norwich United.

GREAT MILLS LEAGUE: Premier division: Chard v Bristol Manor Farm; Dawlish v Plymouth Argyle reserves; Frome v Ottery St Mary; Minehead v Paulton; Torrington v Saltash; Weston-super-Mare v Tiverton

OTHER SPORT

BOWLS: Woolwich EBA national championships (Worthing); County matches: Civil Service v Wiltshire (at South Oxford), Gloucestershire v Hampshire (at Bristol Aerospace); Somerset v Letchworth and District (at Nailsea).

GOLF: PGA assistants' championship (Wentworth); British women's stroleplay championship (Long Ashton).

POLO: Cheltenham Cup (Cirencester Park), Eduardo Moore memorial tournament (RCBPC Windsor).

RUGBY LEAGUE: Warrington v Leigh (7.30pm)

SHOOTING: National smallbore rifle championships (Bisley).

SPEEDWAY: Sunbrite League: Long Eaton v Glasgow

TENNIS: Midland Bank British junior championships (Nottingham).

YACHTING: 505 national championships (Mount's Bay, Cornwall); Lasas nationals (Mumbles YC)

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Split looms for Asian Olympic groups

From DAVID MILLER
IN SEOUL

WHILE events in the Soviet Union will abruptly halt any hope of a return to independent Olympic membership by the Baltic States, there is at the same time the possibility of a split between Muslim and Buddhist sections of the Olympic Council of Asia (OCA).

The divide has more of a functional than religious base, and stems directly from the death in the Kuwait invasion of Sheikh Fahad, president of the OCA. A leadership vacuum has been left, which may result in the Arab states, administratively, being set adrift: a setback to their sporting developments.

Fahad was a contradiction, on the one hand an old-fashioned amateur from his long association with British life, on the other a committed incentive-professional, as with the Kuwait football team in the 1982 World Cup. It was Fahad's unceasing, altruistic work that cemented both Arab and Asian unity within the OCA after years of unrest.

Furious disorganisation in the wake of his death, however, and the absence of an obvious successor, plus repeated postponements of an election, has led the leading nations of eastern Asia, South Korea, China and Japan, to favour a return to the situation 12 years ago, of an Asian Games Federation. That organisation, in which the president of the organising committee of the next Games was the effective continental leader, broke up because of the Arab attempt to expel Israel.

Israel remains in no man's land, with its individual sports federations affiliated, some to Europe and some to Asia.

Japan, which economically is seeking domination of Pacific-Asia at the expense of the United States, much as Germany is attempting to dominate Europe, is slightly equivocal in the sporting field on whether to provoke an OCA split. The Japanese Olympic Committee has had international personal controversies during the past year, only recently resolved, and is presently preoccupied with the creation of an organising committee for the 1998 Winter Olympic Games in Nagano, where Soichiro Yoshida, who won the bid, is fighting to retain his leadership.

The South Koreans, on the other hand, like many Pacific-Asians, are tired of confused OCA administration between C L Mehta, the general secretary from India, Abdul Muttaleb, secretary to Fahad who took refuge in England during the Gulf war, and the temporary president, Roy de Silva, of Sri Lanka. Meetings are postponed, agendas are never sent, accounts of Solidarity Fund allocations from the IOC to Asia are allegedly lost, the money unaccounted for.

The rescheduled election is said to be set down for September 22 in New Delhi; yet, as the notices were sent out last week by mail rather than telex, some countries may receive them after the meeting is completed. Eastern Asia, with eight of OCA's 38 members, would be supported in a split by the majority of southeast Asia's ten members – Thailand have an unexplained affinity with the Arabs – if they press, in New Delhi, for a return to the Asian Games Federation.

The eight members of the Indian subcontinent, who carry little weight, would probably join the Pacific-Asians, leaving the 12 Arab members isolated. There is little sympathy for Arab countries, with their predominently chauvinist exclusion of women from sport.

Sheikh Ahmad, Fahad's son, aged 25, is attempting to sustain the leadership created by his father, as a candidate, but is regarded as too young. The OCA constitution requires the president to be over 35 and a member of his national Olympic committee for more than ten years.

He Zhen Liang, of China, is hesitant to put his name forward a third time: worried about possible loss of face if he fails, or, if he wins, holding the reins of a divided organisation that could be damaging to the Olympic bid of Peking for 2000. The probability seems to be that an unofficial China-Japan-South Korea-Taiwan alliance will try to revert to an Asian Games Federation; which would put Japan in the driving seat as Asian Games.

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Tidemark poised to give Cumani first Ebor success

LUCA Cumani can capture the Tote Ebor Handicap at York today for the first time with his progressive campaigner **Tidemark**.

This Riverman colt has similar credentials to last year's winner, Further Flight, in that he comes to the Knavesmire at the peak of his form. He is also a four-year-old, racing off an attractive mark of 8st 4lb, 4lb less than Further Flight, and, like the Barry Hills-trained stayer, still has plenty of scope for improvement.

The one possible chink in Tidemark's armour is that his stamina must be taken on trust as he has never tackled a mile-and-threequarters before. However, his relaxed style of running should see him home, and he is my nap.

After a slow start to the season, Tidemark has recently struck form with a vengeance, winning the Tote Gold Trophy at Goodwood over 12 furlongs before being awarded a similar Newmarket contest on the disqualification of Spinning.

Tidemark carries a 7lb penalty for his two victories, but as he was leniently treated in the original handicap that should present no problem.

At Goodwood, Tidemark showed plenty of pace to go clear two furlongs out and although today's rival Endoli (now 7lb better off) got to within a length of him at the post, Lanfranco Dettori had already eased the winner considerably, so the victory *margin is misleading.*

The Cumani camp must also be heartened by Spinning's subsequent gallant front-running display when second to Drum Taps at Newbury last weekend which

MANDARIN

makes the Newmarket form look solid.

Rinja looks a formidable rival off his light mark, especially if he reproduces his Royal Ascot running where he lifted the Bessborough Handicap from Local Derby.

In that event he had another fancied Ebor contender, First Victory back in third. Tidemark — who did not get the best of runs — fifth. Barrish seventh and Comstock, *Endoli and Roll A Dollar* further in arrears.

Richard Hannon has laid First Victory out especially for today's event, and Comstock's trainer, Jimmy Fitzgerald, always has to be feared in big handicaps, but I expect Rinja to take their measure again.

Henry Cecil's three-year-old Shahi did not seem to last out the two miles of the Goodwood Cup, although previously at Chepstow he had won with authority over that distance, and could be a force over this shorter trip.



Cumani: fancied to land York double

Michael Stoute's Deposki, who ran up a sequence of four victories earlier in the season, has been a warm ante-post order, but was comprehensively beaten by another Ebor candidate, Majestic Image, at Sandown last month.

Cumani can complete a memorable day by also lifting the Andy Capp Handicap with his lightly-weighted three-year-old **Run Rings**.

Significantly, Willie Carson has been booked for this Commanche Run colt, who was a good second to Green *Danube at Goodwood and the* Newmarket challenger can get the better of that game handicapper Mellottie and Granitton Bay.

All eyes will be on Paul Cole's precocious youngster Dilum, who should complete a *four-timer in the group two* Scottish Equitable Gimcrack Stakes.

The Whatcombe trainer declined a duel with France's top two-year-old Arazi in last Sunday's Prix Morny at Deauville and, despite the presence of Hannon's highly-regarded River Falls, Dilum should have an easier task here.

Possessive Dancer puts her unbeaten record on the line in the Aston Upthorpe Yorkshire Oaks. She has gone from strength to strength this season and last time out outpaced the surprise Epsom Oaks winner Jet Ski Lady in the Irish equivalent at the Curragh.

Jet Ski Lady, whose forte is stamina not speed, looks sure to set a testing gallop again, *but I expect Alex Scott's filly* to take command.

Blinkered first time

YORK: 2.05: Leonadis Polk, Spanish Performer, Thrie-Na-Helah. YARMOUTH: 2.50 Master Of The Hunt. 5.30 Roses Have Thorns, Cornhill Melody.

YORK

MANDARIN	THUNDERER	MICHAEL SEELY
2.05 Thornton Gate.	2.05 Thrie-Na-Helah.	2.35 Third Watch.
2.35 Possessive Dancer.	2.35 Possessive Dancer.	3.10 Rinja.
3.10 TIDEMARK (nap).	3.10 Shahi.	5.15 SARCITA (nap).
3.45 Dilum.	3.45 Dilum.	
4.15 Run Rings.	4.15 MELLOTTIE (nap).	
4.45 Pair Crack.	4.45 Another Episode.	
5.15 Sarcita.	5.15 Sarcita.	

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 2.35 Possessive Dancer. 3.10 TIDEMARK (nap). 4.15 Run Rings.

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 5.15 SARCITA.

GUIDE TO OUR IN-LINE RACECARD

103 (12) 0-0432 GOOD TIMES 74 (CD,BF,F,G,S) (Mrs D Robinson) B Hill 9-10-0 ——— B West (4) 88

Racecard number. Draw in brackets. Six-figure form (F — fell. P — pulled up. U — unseated rider. B — brought down. S — slipped up. R — refused. D — disqualified). Horse's name. Days since last outing; J if jumps. F if flat. (B — blinkers. V — visor. H — hood. E — Eyeshield. C — course winner. D — distance winner. CD — course and distance winner. BF — beaten favourite in latest race). Going on which horse has won (F — firm, good to firm, hard. G — good. S — soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance. The Times Private Handicapper's rating.

GOING: GOOD — DRAW: 5F-6F, LOW NUMBERS BEST — SIS

2.05 ROUS SELLING STAKES (2-Y-O: £8,350: 6f) (23 runners) C4

101	(8)		46	BRAMBLES WAY 42 (W Barker) Mrs G Reveley 8-11	J Lowe	76
102	(21)	502325		CHRISTIAN WARRIOR 23 (Mrs E Adams) R Hannon 8-11	B Rouse	96
103	(23)		654	CHUMMY'S DILEMMA 12 (C Gaventa) N Callaghan 8-11	Pat Eddery	87
104	(15)		003	DOWN MARLEY 41 (Mrs M Pott) C Tinkler 8-11	B Raymond	95
105	(5)		5	ELEPHANT POINT 8 (Mrs J Wootton) M Tompkins 8-11	R Cochrane	—
106	(10)	05043		IN THE MARINES 8 (P Savill) M W Easterby 8-11	K Darley	75
107	(13)		1633	LEONADIS POLK 12 (V,BF,F) (The Confederacy) W Pearce 8-11	D Nicholls	85
108	(19)		602	MAKEMINEMUSIC 21 (G Adams) J Berry 8-11	J Carroll	76
109	(2)	21433		POP TO STANS 11 (F) (W Sphink) T Barron 8-11	Alex Greaves	96
110	(7)		0	SPECIALIST DREAM 28 (Mrs L O'Rourke) L Codd 8-11	D Holland	—
111	(9)			SPEED OIL (D Redhead) R Beslsman 8-11	Dean McKeown	—
112	(18)		0	SPY IN THE SKY 12 (D Seale) R Hannon 8-11	R Perham (5)	—
113	(20)	20015		THORNTON GATE 9 (F) (T Bennett) M H Easterby 8-11	M Birch	96
114	(14)		333	ALL THE GIRLS 37 (BF) (Mrs E McGahon) M Johnston 8-6	L Piggott	90
115	(17)		0	*CHERRY BOB 47 (G Reed) C Thornton 8-6*	J Reid	—
116	(1)	62361		DAILY SPORT AUGUST 25 (D) (Matt O'Toole) M Chapman 8-6	W Carson	92
117	(3)	00413		EARLY MORNING LADY 36 (S) (A Vickers) M Fetherston-Godley 8-6	M Roberts	86
118	(22)		04	GREY BUT ROSY 46 (C Drake) D Elsworth 8-6	J Hunter (7)	76
119	(16)			MANDRITA (M Pantall) M W Easterby 8-6	J Bleasdale	—
120	(6)	313230		SHE'S SPECIAL 30 (B,S) (P Caplan) Miss L Perratt 8-6	A Munro	99
121	(4)	62324		SPANISH PERFORMER 7 (S) (B Harland) T Fairhurst 8-6	S Webster	96
122	(12)			STYLISH DUTCH (C Buckton) M W Easterby 8-6	Paul Eddery	—
123	(11)	03412		THRIE-NA-HELAH 18 (V,D,F) (N Sweeney) R Whitaker 8-6	A Culhane	98

BETTING: 6-1 Thrie-Na-Helah, 7-1 She's Special, 8-1 Christian Warrior, 10-1 Daily Sport August, Stylish Dutch, 12-1 Thornton Gate, All The Girls, 14-1 Pop To Stans, Elephant Point, 16-1 Down Marley, Grey But Rosy, 20-1 others.

1990: CHERRY DANCE 8-6 J Bleasdale (17-2) C Thornton 20 ran

FORM FOCUS

CHRISTIAN WARRIOR 3 5th to Gemini Bay in Windsor nursery (6f, good). DOWN MARLEY just over 3l 3rd to Lingdale Lass in Hamilton claimer (6f, good to soft). ELEPHANT POINT dropped in class after finishing 5l last of 5 to Lead The Dance at Yarmouth (6f, firm). *POP TO STANS 2½l 3rd to Molten Copper at Southwell* (AW, 6f). THORNTON GATE beat Lorelei 2½l at Thirsk (7f, good to firm) on penultimate start. DAILY SPORT AUGUST beat Swanade 7l at Southwell (AW, 6f). SHE'S SPECIAL 3l 3rd to Chicmond at Ayr (6f, soft) on penultimate start. SPANISH PERFORMER 7½l 4th to Farcots at Beverley (5f, good to firm). *THRIE-NA-HELAH 2½l 2nd to Inkos at Thirsk (7f, good to firm).*

Selection: THRIE-NA-HELAH

2.35 ASTON UPTHORPE YORKSHIRE OAKS (Group I: fillies & mares: £75,640: 1m 3f 195yd) (7 runners) C4

201	(3)	3-135		FIFE 62 (G) (Sheikh Mohammed) B Hills 3-8-11	W R Swinburn	72
202	(6)	31134		GUSSY MARLOWE 18 (C,BF,F,G) (Mrs J Van Geest) C Brittain 3-8-11	M Roberts	84
203	(5)	10-1412		JET SKI LADY 39 (D,BF,F,G,S) (M Al-Maktoum) J Bolger (Ire) 3-8-11	Pat Eddery	99
204	(1)	53152		MAGNIFICENT STAR 19 (BF,S) (Ecurie Fustok) M Moubarak 3-8-11	A Cruz	84
205	(4)	1-1111		POSSESSIVE DANCER 39 (D,F,G) (A Al-Maktoum) A Scott 3-8-11	S Cauthen	91
206	(7)	21-3202		SHAMSHIR 18 (F) (Sheikh Mohammed) L Cumani 3-8-11	L Dettori	84
207	(2)	10-610		THIRD WATCH 39 (D,F,G) (P Goulandris) J Dunlop 3-8-11	J Reid	90

BETTING: 2-1 Possessive Dancer, 7-2 Jet Ski Lady, 5-1 Magnificent Star, 6-1 Gussy Marlowe, 8-1 Shamshir, 10-1 Third Watch, 16-1 Fife.

1990: HELLENIC 3-9-0 W Carson (100-30) M Stoute 6 ran

FORM FOCUS

GUSSY MARLOWE best judged on 2¼l 3rd to Kooyonga in group I Coronation Stakes at Ascot (1m, good); previously beat Dartrey head in group II Musidora Stakes at York (1m 2f 110yd, good to firm) with SHAMSHIR 1l away 3rd. JET SKI LADY beat SHAMSHIR 10l in group I Gold Seal Oaks at Epsom (1m 4f, good) with MAGNIFICENT STAR 1½l away 5th. MAGNIFICENT STAR ¾l 2nd to Fly Away Soon in listed race at Goodwood (1m 4f, good). POSSESSIVE DANCER beat JET SKI LADY ½l in group I Irish Guinness Oaks at the Curragh (1m 4f, good) with THIRD WATCH 13½l away 9th. SHAMSHIR 7l 2nd to Ruby Tiger in group II Nassau Stakes at Goodwood (1m 2f, good to firm) with GUSSY MARLOWE 3¾l away 4th. THIRD WATCH beat Finance Dancer 7l in group II Ribblesdale Stakes at Ascot (1m 4f, good) with FIFE 4l 5th and SHAMSHIR 8l 9th.

Selection: POSSESSIVE DANCER

3.10 TOTE EBOR (Handicap: £68,278: 1m 5f 194yd) (22 runners) C4

301	(9)	228033		SHAMBO 20 (CD,F,G) (Mrs C Brittain) C Brittain 4-9-10	M Roberts	89
302	(11)	40-2336		FIRST VICTORY 20 (D,F,G) (D Seale) R Hannon 5-9-2	W Carson	92
303	(15)	038460		SECRET WATERS 20 (D,F) (R Crutchley) R Johnson Houghton 4-8-13	S Whitworth	93
304	(3)	310635		LIFT AND LOAD 11 (F,G,S) (G Howard-Spink) R Hannon 4-8-11	R Perham (5)	91
305	(18)	113302		ENDOLI 21 (D,F,S) (Dowager Lady Beaverbrook) C Brittain 4-8-11	R Cochrane	97
306	(2)	3010-00		ROLL A DOLLAR 21 (F,G) (K Higson) D Elsworth 5-8-8	B Rouse	89
307	(8)	*0-83114*		*CASTLE COURAGEOUS 35 (F,G) (Lady M Mumford) Lady Herries 4-8-8*	J Reid	84
308	(4)	416-014		SECRET SOCIETY 75 (F) (Lord Matthews) M Camacho 4-8-5	N Connorton	88
309	(14)	505511		TIDEMARK 11 (F,S) (Lord De La Warr) L Cumani 4-8-4 (7ex)	L Dettori	97
310	(20)	2310-53		HIGHFLYING 26 (CD,F,G) (B Batey) A Harrison 5-8-1	K Fallon	95
311	(17)	10-3030		COMSTOCK 63 (C,F,G) (A Budge Ltd) Jimmy Fitzgerald 4-8-1	Paul Eddery	95
312	(22)	3-110		SHAHI 20 (G,S) (Sheikh Mohammed) H Cecil 3-8-0	W Ryan	90
313	(21)	514221		AAHSAYLAD 32 (D,F,G,S) (M Stapleton) F Lee 5-7-13	R Lappin	94
314	(10)	2-42101		RINJA 25 (F,G) (O Zawawi) D Arbuthnot 4-7-12	J Lowe	99
315	(5)	120362		WESTHOLME 26 (C,F) (T Bennett) M H Easterby 3-7-8	L Charnock	98
316	(1)	0/21111		MAJESTIC IMAGE 46 (D,F,G) (Ld Huntingdon) Lord Huntingdon 5-7-7	D Harrison (7)	85
317	(7)	*0-00202*		*BARRISH 35 (D,BF,F) (A Spence) R Akehurst 5-7-7*	T Williams	94
318	(6)	011114		DEPOSKI 48 (V,BF,F,G,S) (W Scott) M Stoute 3-7-7	F Norton (5)	89
319	(12)	00-6065		MULL HOUSE 7 (B,F) (Mrs B Facchino) J Sutcliffe 4-7-7	N Adams	81
320	(16)	225110		BEAU QUEST 16 (V,F,G) (G Ferndon) R Woodhouse 4-7-7	N Carlisle	93
321	(19)	362043		MY CHIARA 7 (F) (J Pitt) M Usher 5-7-7	Dale Gibson	91
322	(13)	0-43614		CANNY CHRONICLE 7 (BF,F,G) (Newcastle Chronicle) M Tompkins 3-7-7	A Mackay	82

Long handicap: Majestic Image 7-6, Barrish 7-6, Deposki 7-4, Mull House 7-3, Beau Quest 7-3, My Chiara 7-3, Canny Chronicle 6-10.

BETTING: 8-1 Rinja, 9-1 First Victory, 10-1 Deposki, Tidemark, 12-1 Highflying, Shahi, 14-1 Endoli, Comstock, 16-1 Majestic Image, Barrish, 20-1 Shambo, Aahsaylad, 22-1 Roll A Dollar, Secret Society, 25-1 others.

1990: FURTHER FLIGHT 4-8-8 M Hills (7-1 jf-fav) B Hills 22 ran

FORM FOCUS

SHAMBO 1¼l 3rd to Further Flight in group III Goodwood Cup (2m, good) with FIRST VICTORY (8lb better off) 2½l 6th, SECRET WATERS (3lb better off) 2l 7th and SHAHI 3½l 8th. TIDEMARK disappointed next after being hampered and beaten ½l by Spinning at Newmarket (1m 4f, good) with LIFT AND LOAD (2lb worse off) 6l 5th; previously comfortably beat *ENDOLI* (7lb better off) 1l at Goodwood (1m 4f, good) with ROLL A DOLLAR 22l 7th of 11.

HIGHFLYING 2¼l 3rd to Witness Box at Ascot (2m, good). AAHSAYLAD beat Thomas Leng short head at Ayr (1m 5f, good), RINJA beat Wick Pound 4l at Warwick (1m 7f, good to firm), previously beat Local Derby a neck at Ascot (1m 4f, good) with FIRST VICTORY (2lb worse off) neck 3rd, TIDEMARK (3lb worse off) 1¾l 5th, LIFT AND LOAD (3lb better off) 1¾l 6th, BARRISH (3lb better off) 3l 7th, COMSTOCK 5½l 9th, ENDOLI 13th, ROLL A DOLLAR 19th and MULL HOUSE last of 20.

MAJESTIC IMAGE beat Go South ¾l at Sandown (2m, good) with DEPOSKI (1lb better off) 3¾l 4th. DEPOSKI previously beat Bondstone 4l at Chester (1m 5f 110yd, soft), BARRISH 5l 2nd to Witness Box at Sandown (1m 5f, good to firm) with CASTLE COURAGEOUS 4l 4th and MULL HOUSE 18l 6th.

Selection: RINJA (nap)

3.45 SCOTTISH EQUITABLE GIMCRACK STAKES (Group II: 2-Y-O colts & geldings: £49,830: 6f) (5 runners) C4

401	(4)	2111		DILUM 21 (D,G,S) (F Salman) P Cole 9-5	A Munro	99
402	(3)	1215		PRINCE FERDINAND 46 (D,BF,F,G) (Miss J Winch) M McCormack 9-0	J Reid	88
403	(5)	212		RIVER FALLS 22 (CD,G) (A Budge Ltd) R Hannon 9-0	B Raymond	98
404	(2)	5		SAMMY SLEW 9 (J Marsden) S Norton 9-0	L Dettori	64
405	(1)	21		TAYLOR QUIGLEY 26 (D,F) (Agheri House Stud) C Allan 9-0	M Roberts	80

BETTING: 2-5 Dilum, 3-1 River Falls, 12-1 Prince Ferdinand, 16-1 Taylor Quigley, 20-1 Sammy Slew

1990: MUJTAHID 9-3 W Carson (1-2 fav) R Armstrong 5 ran

FORM FOCUS

DILUM completed treble with 3½l defeat of Showbrook in group II Scottish Equitable Richmond Stakes at Goodwood (6f, good); previously equally impressive in beating Dr Devious 3l in group III Coventry Stakes at Ascot (6f, good). PRINCE FERDINAND 5l last of 5 to Ernestan in listed race at Haydock (6f, good to firm); better effort previously, when beating Langtonian 3½l at Ascot (6f, good to firm) RIVER FALLS head 2nd to Rodrigo De Triano, pair clear, in listed race at Newbury (6f, good to firm) SAMMY SLEW 4½l 5th to Fair Crack at Windsor (6f, good to firm) TAYLOR QUIGLEY beat Commanche Dancer ¾l at Yarmouth (6f, good to firm).

Selection: DILUM

4.15 ANDY CAPP HANDICAP (£13,402: 1m 205yd) (21 runners) C4

501	(2)	30456U		ETON LAD 39 (G) (W Sod) N Callaghan 4-10-0	Pat Eddery	93
502	(9)	12-1124		MELLOTTIE 63 (CD,F) (Mrs J Fulton) Mrs G Reveley 6-9-2	J Lowe	91
503	(20)	020114		SELF EXPRESSION 19 (F,G) (G Smart) I Balding 3-8-13	S O'Gorman (3)	91
504	(8)	210-641		PALATIAL STYLE 11 (D,F,G) (Skyline Racing Ltd) M H Easterby 4-8-11	M Birch	85
505	(17)	4110-66		KNIFEBOX 19 (G) (Sheikh Mohammed) J Gosden 3-8-10	S Cauthen	93
506	(4)	61-0612		AL ANBA 18 (F,G) (Mrs A Al Homezi) J Crespak 4-8-5	L Piggott	96
507	(5)	211214		GOOD PROFILE 23 (F) (Essgrist Ltd) S Norton 3-8-3	K Darley	95
508	(11)	130533		REGENT LAD 14 (F,G) (F Tyldesley) Mrs L Siddall 7-8-3	W R Swinburn	98
509	(7)	0-30030		*DAWN SUCCESS 26 (C,F,G,S) (Mrs C Paterson) C Brittain 5-8-2*	M Roberts	95
510	(18)	5-31090		TROUPE 19 (G) (R Sangster) B Hills 3-8-2	M Hills	96
511	(14)	301440		DANZARIN 19 (D,F) (Mrs J Regan) R Hannon 3-8-0	N Carlisle	96
512	(21)	5-00023		BOLD BOSTONIAN 28 (BF,G) (G Comben) H Candy 3-8-0	Antoinette Armes (7)	92
513	(15)	010221		GLASSBLOWER 13 (F) (C Rogers) R Akehurst 4-7-13	A Munro	99
514	(13)	21-2833		MAGIC SECRET 65 (S) (S Suhail) B Hanbury 3-7-12	—	88
515	(16)	00-5142		GRANITTON BAY 5 (V,BF,F,S) (D Gill) R Whitaker 4-7-10	Dale Gibson	95
516	(3)	0-22511		HIGH PREMIUM 23 (F,G) (D Thompson) Mrs J Ramsden 7-7-9	D Holland	82
517	(6)	010022		RUN RINGS 19 (F) (Fittocks Stud Ltd) L Cumani 3-7-8	W Carson	95
518	(19)	043224		HABETA 16 (BF,F,G) (Kirk Bloodstock) J Watts 5-7-7	D Harrison (7)	96
519	(1)	240222		OVERPOWER 11 (F,S) (M Bowring) M Tompkins 7-7-7	A Mackay	86
520	(10)	000-020		ROLFESON 9 (D,F,G) (Needwood Racing Ltd) B Morgan 7-7-7	N Adams	82
521	(12)	100611		MASTER GLEN 32 (G,S) (G Platt) G Oldroyd 3-7-7	L Charnock	79

Long handicap: Habeta 7-6, Overpower 6-13, Rolfeson 6-8, Master Glen 6-6.

BETTING: 6-1 Run Rings, 7-1 Mellottie, 8-1 High Premium, Self Expression, 10-1 Palatial Style, Troupe, 12-1 Good Profile, Glassblower, 14-1 Regent Lad, Magic Secret, Al Anba, 16-1 Eton Lad, Danzarin, Knifebox, 20 1 others

1990: NED'S AURA 5-8-7 J Reid (12-1) R Whitaker 16 ran

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Selection: RUN RINGS

4.45 ROSES STAKES (Listed race 2-Y-O colts & geldings: £10,477: 5f) (6 runners)

601	(1)	1140	STORM MELODY 10 (D,F) (J Strauss) A Scott 9-1	W R Swinburn	92
602	(5)	35113	AFF 18 (B,D,F,S) (Prince A Faisal) Mrs J Cecil 8-12	M Roberts	93
603	(6)	512112	ANOTHER EPISODE 19 (D,F,G,S) (Petacegate Corporation Ltd) J Berry 8-12	J Carroll	99
604	(4)	20U1	BLUE TIGER 49 (G) (M Salem) B Hanbury 8-12	B Raymond	77
605	(3)	631451	FAIR CRACK 9 (D,F,G) (A Budge Ltd) R Hannon 8-12	Pat Eddery	86
606	(2)	223083	REGAL CHIMES 18 (M Saurgeau) B McMahon 8-12	A Munro	98

BETTING: 9-4 Another Episode, 7-2 Aff, 4-1 Fair Crack, 9-2 Storm Melody, 6-1 Regal Chimes, 8-1 Blue Tiger

1990: MUJADIL 8-12 W Carson (5-4 fav) R Armstrong 7 ran

FORM FOCUS

STORM MELODY disappointing 4¾l 7th to Bradawn Brewer in group I Heinz 57 Stakes at Leopardstown (5f, good to firm), previously 4½l 4th to Magic Ring in group II Norfolk Stakes at Royal Ascot (5f, good). AFF 2½l 2nd to Wild Honour in Windsor nursery (5f, good) ANOTHER EPISODE 1½l 2nd to Sahara Star in group III Philip Corries Molecomb Stakes at Goodwood (5f, good) with REGAL CHIMES (same terms) head away 3rd. BLUE TIGER beat Songster ¾l at Yarmouth (6f, good). FAIR CRACK beat Rolfeson 1½l at Windsor (6f, good to firm)

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Selection: STORM MELODY

5.15 FALMOUTH HANDICAP (3-Y-O: £10,672: 5f) (10 runners)

1	(7)	*524P50*		*SIR HARRY HARDMAN 20 (D,G,S) (P Hobbs) F Lee 9-7*	M Roberts	86
2	(3)	3-21152		FOOD OF LOVE 20 (D,F) (J Abell) J Berry 9-6	J Carroll	85
3	(5)	5-02055		DOMINO 20 (D,F) (Mrs R Kennard) P Walwyn 9-3	L Dettori	88
4	(5)	021426		HEAVEN-LIEGH-GREY 21 (CD,F,G) (P Dodd) J Berry 8-11	Pat Eddery	93
5	(9)	110-400		BIT OF A LARK 67 (D,F) (R Mason) R Hollinshead 8-11	S Perks	88
6	(2)	382155		SHE'S SMART 25 (D,F) (B Shaw) M H Easterby 8-8	M Birch	86
7	(4)	021110		TANGO TIME 21 (D,BF,F,S) (R Shannon) R Hannon 8-0	N Carlisle	95
8	(1)	413011		SARCITA 5 (D,F,G,S) (R Tooth) D Elsworth 7-12	W Carson	99
9	(8)	313201		PALLIUM 12 (D,F,G) (W Kelly) M Naughton 7-12	D Holland	87
10	(10)	122542		ON THE EDGE 12 (D) (G Martin) T Barron 7-7	J Lowe	85

Long handicap: On The Edge 7-6.

BETTING: 2-1 Sarcita, 9-2 Tango Time, 6-1 Domino, 7-1 Food Of Love, 8-1 Heaven-Liegh-Grey, 10-1 Pallium, 12-1 She's Smart, 14-1 Sir Harry Hardman 16-1 On The Edge, 20-1 Bit Of A Lark.

1990: SILVER SINGING 8-5 R Cochrane (5-1 fav) I Balding 17 ran

FORM FOCUS

FOOD OF LOVE ¾l 2nd to Title Roll in group III King George Stakes at Goodwood (5f, good) with DOMINO (3lb better off) 2l 5th and SIR HARRY HARDMAN 10th; earlier beat *PALLIUM* (3lb better off) neck at Ascot (5f, good to firm) with SIR HARRY HARDMAN (8lb better off) 5l 5th and SARCITA 11th. SHE'S SMART beat Simmie's Special 1½l at Beverley (5f, firm) off 4lb lower mark in July. TANGO TIME completed treble with 2

Sri Lankan cricket offers charm and variety

After the high drama of the series with West Indies, with its emphasis on fast bowling, John Woodcock looks forward to a different, gentler sort of Test match at Lord's tomorrow

THE Sri Lankans play their cricket very differently from the West Indians, but that does not mean they will be any less welcome as guests when they come to Lord's tomorrow for the only Test match of their six-week tour. The blend will be a lot less strong than it was when West Indies were here in June – and in some ways it will be the better for it.

Without variety, cricket palls. I am tired, for the moment, of watching West Indies bowl. Of the 1,700 overs they have sent down in their ten Test matches this year 1,500 have been like greased lightning.

Not having the height and strength and thrust for that, the Sri Lankans need to be more subtle. It is as though the modern game has evolved without deference to them. They play cricket more as it used to be played.

All being well, there will be plenty of Sri Lankan spin at Lord's, and if they get a good start, fine weather and a true pitch, their batting could be a delight. In the first of their two Test matches there, in 1984, there were three Sri Lankan hundreds and only one by an Englishman; and it was not until after lunch on the fifth day that they lost the other, in 1988.

Since being granted Test status ten years ago Sri Lanka's domestic instability has discouraged sides from going there, thus preventing their cricketers from operating in an environment where even West Indies would find them difficult to beat. Their last home Test match was as long ago as April 1987. This, inevitably, has held up their development, although that has still been fairly dramatic since the days when MCC sides sailing to Australia would play a picnic match in Colombo on their way.

We would make all speed from Aden, so as to get in a full day's cricket. The island side – Ceylon as it was then – would usually contain a de Soysa or a de Saram or a Gunasekera. It was one of the great events in the Singhalese calendar. They would garland the players in the streets and pour into the ground and at the end of the sweltering day the crowd, in their excitement, would set light to the stands.

Before dinner, at the Galle Face Hotel, one would be measured for a couple of silk shirts, to be delivered to the ship before she sailed for Fremantle and the serious business of the tour, later that evening.

In 1950-51, when the game fell on a Sunday, I remember David Sheppard, now the Bishop of Liverpool, saying he would rather not play, and his wish, of course, was granted. Twelve years later, off the SS Canberra (the last to take an England side on tour), the match was not on a Sunday and Sheppard made 73. What lovely, leisurely days!

Sri Lankans make the most natural of batsmen, as wristy as they tend to be risky, and crafty spin bowlers. Test cricket benefits from having them as one of the family. If runs are sometimes too easily made against them, there is no great harm in that. Against someone or other they usually have been.

If their game displays a frailty which characterised India's in their early days it possesses much charm as well, and, young as most of them are, it would be no surprise to see them give England's bowlers trouble at Lord's. Sri Lanka have, in fact, won only two of the 33 Tests they have played, but they do have some outstanding batting performances to their credit.

The 491 for seven declared, which they made against England at Lord's in 1984, was a higher total than England themselves managed in the 22 Test matches they played on the ground between June 1974 and July 1990.

In their last but one Test, against Australia, at Hobart in December 1989, Sri Lanka made 418. In successive Tests in New Zealand earlier this year they made 497 for nine declared, 344 for six and 380. Australians and New Zealanders who have bowled against Sri Lanka's present captain, Aravinda de Silva, call him a genius.

If they were to beat England now, though, it would have to rank as one of the greatest surprises in Test history, simply because outside their own country they cannot bowl sides out.

To do that on English Test pitches, other than at Headingley and occasionally Edgbaston, heavier guns are needed than Sri Lanka possess, or batsmen have to lose their balance, as West Indies did in their first innings at the Oval recently.

On the evidence of the match at Hove, which finished on Monday, the 1991 Sri Lankans field better than their predecessors, and are clearly working on their game. England, for their part, having survived the hurricane of the summer, should enjoy the calm. They certainly deserve to.



De Silva: highly rated

Yorkshire find Colchester pitch full of runs

Moxon's relentless double-century frustrates Essex

By JACK BAILEY

COLCHESTER (first day of three): Yorkshire have scored 363 for four wickets against Essex

IT IS tough near the top. The dust at Castle Park had settled following Harry Brind's whirlwind visit after the summary defeat of Northamptonshire. There was certainly nothing other than an immaculate surface confronting Yorkshire when they chose to bat in front of some 4,500 of the Essex faithful. The groundsman had given it a dampening down on Monday and Martyn Moxon, with the second double-century of his career, showed his appreciation by keeping Essex in the field all day.

There was little in it for the somewhat threadbare Essex seam attack. Childs and Such achieved little purchase, although Childs bowled beautifully in a marathon spell.

As Essex went through their paces, Moxon moved steadily on, picking his shots, unperturbed and unhurried. He batted right through the day, sharing century stands with Kellett and Blakey. In hitting a six, a five and 26 fours, he generally looked so much in command that, perhaps rather churlishly, you felt that by taking the bowling more by the scruff of the neck, he could have put the game securely into Yorkshire's grasp.

He may well have done so already. Yesterday's hot sun was unremitting and the pitch could well give more aid to the spinners as time goes by. As it was, only Malik, with his leg spinners, obtained the necessary turn to beat the forward push. He always had the measure of Kellett, who fell victim to the rabbit in the headlight syndrome in his forties, before eventually giving Garnham his third catch behind the wicket. He had been dropped at slip off Malik when 47; now, on 58, he was again drawn irresistably and fatally forward to the leg break.

As if to show that the old maxim of always playing a leg spinner against Yorkshire, no matter whether he ever plays against anyone else, was still valid, Malik struck again immediately. He had Robinson leg-before, sweeping early at a full toss. Malik, in run-up and delivery, is uncannily like Mushtaq Mohammed. Now he did his illustrious predecessor credit as he went on to bowl one of his longer spells of the season.

Of the other bowlers, the most likely lad was the forever game and willing Foster. He it was who drew first blood by achieving just a bit more bounce and movement away from the bat with a ball to Metcalfe, just as the Yorkshireman had settled in. This came towards the end of a 12-over opening spell, remarkable for one whose knees are far from sound.

By then, Yorkshire had only 51 runs on the board. Byas looked full of promise until Such had him well caught on the leg side by Garnham from one that did not turn. At 90 for two Essex were not yet done. But the ball did not turn much for Such all day.

Whether or not the country's leading spin bowler, Phil Carrick, according to the averages anyway, will be able to achieve more remains to be seen. One thing is certain: he and all the Yorkshire team will have been saddened by the news of the retirement of Arnie Sidebottom, taker of 558 wickets for the county.

Season's best for rampant Millns

By GEOFFREY WHEELER

DAVID Millns, Leicestershire's strapping fast bowler, returned the best bowling figures of the season yesterday by taking nine for 37 as third-placed Derbyshire were dismissed for 117 at Derby.

Millns, aged 26, a former National Coal Board employee who left Nottinghamshire at the end of the 1989 season, had taken the first six wickets against Yorkshire earlier this month. Yesterday he again claimed the first six – for 19 runs in 11 overs – and this time also mopped up the innings.

Among those who fell to him were Dominic Cork, whose eight for 53 against Essex on the same ground was the previous best analysis this season. Millns is the first bowler to take nine wickets in a championship innings since 1986. No one has taken all ten in England since Ian Thomson, of Sussex, bowled out Warwickshire at a personal cost of 49 runs at Worthing in 1964. Chris Adams, top scorer with 44 was the only Derbyshire batsman to escape Millns, who kept the ball well up on a green pitch.

When they batted, Leicestershire also found runs hard to come by but still had seven wickets in hand when they went in front.

Gloucestershire, having reached 125 for one against Kent at Canterbury, subsided to 182 all out. But if they had made batting seem difficult, Kent made it look impossible against the Australian, Dave Gilbert, who took four of the first five wickets which fell for 21. Kent closed at 62 for seven, with six wickets for Gilbert and Taylor retired hurt.

Hampshire recovered from a poor start against Sussex at Bournemouth to reach 297 for nine, thanks to half-centuries from James, who completed 1,000 runs in a season for the first time, Gower and Nicholas.



IAN STEWART

Cutting reply: Lynch executes a fine cut on his way to a century which helped steer his Surrey team-mates out of trouble

Lynch produces a timely century

By IVO TENNANT

THE OVAL (first day of three: Surrey won toss): Surrey have scored 341 for nine wickets against Middlesex

IN EVERY sense, Monte Lynch's timing yesterday was quite wondrous. His first century of the season, stroked rather than compiled, helped Surrey make up some ground in the championship that they had lost at Worcester the previous day. It was opportune also since his benefit match is here on Sunday and the NatWest final is imminent.

Lynch has been far from assured of a first team place this season. He was playing in only his fifth championship match and, for once, he has not been greatly afflicted by injuries. Surrey were 85 for three when he came in, then 129 for five, which tells the importance of his innings.

Surrey really have to win this match if they are to do anything about Warwickshire's lead of the table. They are 54 points behind but have two matches in hand. Greig would not have deliberated in deciding to bat for, although the pitch was dry and was to take spin, the ball was not turning sharply enough for Harry Brind, the inspector of pitches, to have to re-examine his own handiwork.

It was unexceptional batting which accounted for the loss of four wickets before lunch. Barnett, who apparently is sought after by several counties, ended an attractive, if brief innings by Darren Bicknell and then took the wickets of Thorpe and Sargeant. Emburey took a reflex catch at slip which belied it was his 39th birthday and Sargeant, having made 37 was taken in the covers.

There were 40 overs bowled before lunch, indicative that the ball was turning. In addition to Emburey and Barnett, Middlesex included Weekes for the first time in a championship match this season. His dismissal of Greig off his own bowling was a lovely piece of athleticism.

Lynch remained. He proceeded to play Emburey as well as anyone, other than Gooch could hope to do, taking three fours and a single to reach his half-century off one over. Two fours were driven square of the wicket and the other hit straight with impressive footwork for someone with dodgy knees.

By the time he reached his century, off 222 balls and including 11 fours, he was relying less on moving to the pitch of the ball than on his excellent eye.

Lynch was given much support by Medlycott, with whom he put on 154 in 56 overs. In the last hour the tail slogged to some effect and so, too, did Lynch. Unbeaten on 141 at the close, he had struck 15 fours and a lovely straight six off Barnett.

Visitors deliver a sting in the tail

By SIMON WILDE

BLACKPOOL (first day of three; Worcestershire won toss): Worcestershire have scored 259 all out against Lancashire

THE prospects at start of play yesterday could hardly have been better for Blackpool's holiday crowds. There was, admittedly, no Botham but the weather was glorious, Worcestershire had won the toss and everyone settled down to be entertained by Hick and Moody. Then, extraordinarily, Worcestershire's wickets started going faster than ice creams on the front.

By the eleventh over, Bent, Hick and Moody were all back in the pavilion, Hick having been caught behind superbly by Hegg off one of his indeterminate prods and Moody caught at mid-on skying an attempted pull. Curtis was also to fall – in the 23rd over, like Moody to a ball he played at too early – before Worcestershire realised that this was not a pitch on which to play shots.

Apart from being slow and low, the pitch also showed alarmingly uneven bounce from the Golden Mile end, which became the golden smile end for Lancashire's bowlers, notably Peter Martin, who returned career-best figures of four for 30 in 20 tight overs. The pitch also showed early signs of turn which may vindicate Lancashire's decision to play two spinners, Yates and Fitton, which at least gave the omitted Allott time to consider joining Durham.

D'Oliveira and Lampitt began Worcestershire's recovery with a fifth-wicket partnership of 51 but the going was never easy. In the hour after lunch, only 27 runs were scored in 16 overs. D'Oliveira – who eventually lost patience and was bowled attempting to hit Yates through mid-wicket – batted 31 overs for his 29, Illingworth 19 for his. Rhodes then spent 46 overs in making 48 and the promising Tolley 43 in making 36.

Despite Botham's absence leaving them with an ominously long tail, the Worcestershire batting got better as the day went on, with the Rhodes-Tolley alliance of 55 for the eighth wicket being the highest of the innings. Worcestershire's all-out total of 259, completed minutes before the close, may yet prove a formidable total. The ball from Yates that bowled Tolley may have kept cruelly low but it can hardly have set Lancashire minds at rest.

YESTERDAY'S SCOREBOARDS

Britannic Assurance county championship

Derbyshire v Leics

DERBY *(first day of three; Leicestershire won toss): Leicestershire, with five first-innings wickets in hand, are 49 runs ahead of Derbyshire*

DERBYSHIRE: First Innings

K J Barnett b Millns	20
†D Bowler b Millns	0
*J G O'Gorman c Potter b Millns	6
C J Adams c Whittlesse b Wilkinson	44
A Aziz Azharuddin c Whittlesse b Millns	3
S C Goldsmith lbw b Millns	0
K M Krikken lbw b Millns	0
D G Cork c Whittlesse b Millns	25
A E Warner b Millns	10
D E Malcolm not out	5
O H Mortensen b Millns	0
Extras (lb 3, nb 1)	4
Total (42.3 overs)	117

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-1, 2-24, 3-39, 4-43, 5-55, 6-57, 7-99, 8-109, 9-113.

BOWLING: Millns 18.3-4-37-6; Maguire 13-2-37-0; Wilkinson 9-1-34-1; Potter 1-0-1-0; Benson 1-0-5-0.

LEICESTERSHIRE: First Innings

T J Boon c Azharuddin b Warner	35
*N E Briers b Malcolm	0
P N Hepworth b Cork	16
J J Whitaker c O'Gorman b Mortensen	47
L Potter b Malcolm	25
B F Smith not out	13
†P Whittlesse not out	6
Extras (b 4, lb 8, w 2, nb 2)	16
Total (5 wkts, 64 overs)	160

J D R Benson, D J Millns, C Wilkinson and J N Maguire to bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-3, 2-49, 3-67, 4-125, 5-151.

Bonus points: Derbyshire 2, Leicestershire 5.

Umpires: D J Constant and J H Harris.

Kent v Glouc

CANTERBURY *(first day of three; Gloucestershire won toss): Kent, with three first-innings wickets in hand, are 120 runs behind Gloucestershire*

GLOUCESTERSHIRE: First Innings

G D Hodgson c Marsh b Patel	60
R J Scott b Merrick	17
*A J Wright c Cowdrey b Merrick	47
C W J Athey c Marsh b Iggleden	22
M W Alleyne c Ward b Penn	0
J W Lloyds b Patel	8
†R C J Williams b Patel	0
M C J Ball c Marsh b Iggleden	15
D R Gilbert not out	4
A M Babington c Cowdrey b Iggleden	0
M J Gerrard b Iggleden	0
Extras (b 3, lb 2, nb 4)	9
Total (80.3 overs)	182

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-23, 2-124, 3-136, 4-142, 5-153, 6-153, 7-171, 8-182, 9-182.

BOWLING: Merrick 16.5-4-41-2; Iggleden 15.3-2-46-4; Penn 18-3-41-1; Davis 9-2-16-0; Patel 22-8-33-3.

KENT: First Innings

T R Ward c Williams b Gilbert	0
*M R Benson c Williams b Babington	6
N R Taylor retired hurt	0
G R Cowdrey b Gilbert	6
M V Fleming lbw b Gilbert	0
†S A Marsh c Athey b Gilbert	20
R P Davis lbw b Gilbert	0
C Penn not out	13
M M Patel b Gilbert	4
T A Merrick not out	2
Extras (nb 1)	1
Total (7 wkts, 28 overs)	82

A P Iggleden to bat

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-0, 2-2, 3-12, 4-21, 5-21, 6-58, 7-60.

Bonus points: Kent 4, Gloucestershire 4.

Umpires: B Hassan and K J Lyons.

Hants v Sussex

BOURNEMOUTH *(first day of three; Hampshire won toss): Hampshire have scored 297 for nine wickets against Sussex*

HAMPSHIRE: First Innings

T C Middleton c Speight b Jones	6
V P Terry c Greenfield b Jones	4
K D James c Smith b Donelan	68
D I Gower c Lenham b Dodemaide	51
*M C J Nicholas c Pigott b Dodemaide	55
J R Ayling c Moores b Pigott	13
†A N Aymes lbw b North	15
R J Maru c Greenfield b Donelan	34
I J Turner b Jones	6
K J Shine not out	16
Aqib Javed not out	0
Extras (b 5, lb 4, w 1, nb 19)	29
Total (9 wkts)	297

Score after 100 overs: 259-7.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-7, 2-10, 3-120, 4-150, 5-184, 6-222, 7-253, 8-274, 9-297.

SUSSEX: N J Lenham, D M Smith, K Greenfield, *A P Wells, M P Speight, J A North, A I C Dodemaide, †P Moores, A C S Pigott, A N Jones, B T P Donelan.

Bonus points: Hampshire 3, Sussex 3

Umpires: N T Plews and R A White.

Surrey v Middlesex

THE OVAL *(first day of three; Surrey won toss): Surrey have scored 341 for nine wickets against Middlesex*

SURREY: First Innings

D J Bicknell b Barnett	33
†N F Sargeant c Weekes b Barnett	37
G P Thorpe c Emburey b Barnett	0
D M Ward c Brown b Emburey	9
M A Lynch not out	141
*I A Greig c and b Weekes	9
K T Medlycott c Pooley b Headley	59
M P Bicknell c Roseberry b Headley	24
Wagar Younis c Keech b Cowans	4
J Boiling b Headley	0
A J Murphy not out	2
Extras (lb 8, lb 6, w 4, nb 5)	23
Total (9 wkts)	341

Score after 100 overs: 267-5.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-72, 2-72, 3-85, 4-85, 5-129, 6-283, 7-319, 8-325, 9-334.

MIDDLESEX: M A Roseberry, J C Pooley, *M W Gatting, K R Brown, M Keech, P N Weekes, †P Farbrace, J E Emburey, D Headley, N G Cowans, A A Barnett.

Bonus points: Surrey 3, Middlesex 2.

Umpires: G I Burgess and A A Jones.

Essex v Yorks

COLCHESTER *(first day of three; Yorkshire won toss): Yorkshire have scored 363 for four wickets against Essex*

YORKSHIRE: First Innings

*M D Moxon not out	200
A A Metcalfe c Garnham b Foster	22
D Byas c Garnham b Such	25
S A Kellett c Garnham b Salim	58
P E Robinson lbw b Salim	0
†R J Blakey not out	45
Extras (b 5, lb 2, w 6)	13
Total (4 wkts)	363

Score after 100 overs: 312-4.

C S Pickles, P Carrick, P J Hartley, J D Batty, M A Robinson to bat

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-50, 2-90, 3-255, 4-262.

ESSEX: J P Stephenson, A C Seymour, *P J Prichard, Salim Malik, N Hussain, N V Knight, †M A Garnham, *N A Foster, T D Topley, J H Childs, P M Such.

Bonus points: Essex 1, Yorkshire 4.

Umpires: R C Tolchard and R Julian.

Lancs v Worcs

BLACKPOOL *(first day of three. Worcestershire won toss) Worcestershire have scored 259 against Lancashire*

WORCESTERSHIRE: First Innings

*T S Curtis c and b Austin	32
P Bent lbw b Martin	3
G A Hick c Hegg b Watkinson	12
T M Moody c Mendis b Martin	1
D B D'Oliveira b Yates	29
S R Lampitt b Martin	25
R K Illingworth run out	29
†S J Rhodes lbw b Martin	48
C M Tolley b Yates	36
P J Newport not out	18
N V Radford b Austin	13
Extras (lb 9, nb 4)	13
Total	259

Score after 100 overs: 222-8.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-7, 2-20, 3-27, 4-56, 5-107, 6-113, 7-180, 8-215, 9-238.

BOWLING: Martin 20-7-30-4; Watkinson 24-4-81-1; Austin 19.3-4-39-2; Yates 27-10-39-2; Fitton 25-11-63-0.

LANCASHIRE: G D Mendis, G Fowler, N J Speak, *N H Fairbrother, G D Lloyd, M Watkinson, †W K Hegg, G Yates, J D Fitton, I D Austin and P J Martin.

Bonus points: Lancashire 3, Worcestershire 2.

Umpires: B Dudleston and J W Holder.

FIXTURES

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Decline of Leicestershire may be hard to reverse

Alan Lee examines a once thriving county club now fallen on hard times

BACK in the Seventies, Leicestershire had a successful team and an ambitious outlook: they promised to be the club of the Eighties, but it never happened. The intervening years have seen disappointment turn harshly to disenchantment. Their crowds and their best players have defected and the Nineties have begun with the county of the running fox in an unfamiliar corner, trapped at the foot of the championship.

For some clubs, those of substance and affluence, this might not in itself be the end of the world. For Leicestershire, who have existed on a skilfully-maintained shoestring in an area of little wealth and fickle watchers, finishing bottom for the first time in 30 years could almost be that bad.

It was for many years the justifiably proud boast of Mike Turner, their one-man management, that the club made an annual profit through thick and thin. Times never were this thin, though, and as the losses mount up, so membership and sponsorship are dwindling in direct relation to results on the field.

This year's wooden spoon would mean next year's begging bowl being returned depressingly empty and there will come a day when the yearly handout from Test match receipts is simply not enough to keep a club like this afloat. Grace Road, once the bustling blueprint for an international ground of the future, now echoes in its emptiness and those who do come must struggle to recognise the faces in what they used to know as an all-star cast.

In a three-year period of decline, three England players, DeFreitas, Agnew and Gower, have gone. Another, Lewis, is set to follow, seeking success elsewhere despite Leicestershire's work on his temperament and urgently renewed efforts to keep him.



Simpson: urges patience

Ken Higgs resigned from his coaching job, a man spurned; now, Bob Simpson is about to depart at the end of a two-year contract in which his thorough, rigorous methods have apparently achieved little success.

Simpson says he will be leaving the club with a reformed structure which should, in time, restore success. He says patience is needed to encourage a young team led with enthusiasm by Briers, aged 36, and expressing themselves more now that a generation in which Gower and Willey were the major influences, has passed on.

He says that mistakes have been made, that everything will take time but that players such as Benson and Hepworth, both 24, and Millns, who took nine Derbyshire wickets yesterday, will ensure a better future under the new coach, Jack Birkenshaw.

Things can hardly get much worse, though, and there is a serious contrast between Leicestershire and the team who filled their position last year, Sussex.

Leicestershire have palpably failed to breed local talent: of their senior squad, only Briers was born in the county.

Sussex can field six locals and, significantly, six men aged 23 and under. Their star is in the ascendancy but, after too many years of regression, it is hard to be so optimistic for Leicestershire.

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FOOTBALL

Allon enjoys quick promotion from substitutes' bench

By LOUISE TAYLOR

JOE Allon is poised to complete one of the most dramatic weeks of his life by making a full first division debut in the Chelsea attack at Oldham Athletic tonight.

Having seen potential summer-time moves to Middlesbrough and Port Vale fall through, Allon had almost abandoned hope of leaving Hartlepool, before the start of the season when Chelsea intervened at the eleventh hour.

Barely had the ink dried on his new contract when the one-time Newcastle United cast-off rose from the substitutes' bench to claim Chelsea's equaliser against Wimbledon last Saturday.

Allon, who is aged 24, will partner Kerry Dixon in front of a near-capacity crowd of around 19,000 at Boundary Park, where Oldham are hosting their first home first division game in 68 years. It was, therefore, with a touch of understatement that Joe Royle, their manager, yesterday said: "It will be quite an emotional moment for me when my team runs out onto the pitch as a first division side."

Glynn Snodin, on a month's loan from Leeds United, makes his first appearance at Boundary Park at left back, while the more experienced Neil Adams is preferred to Paul Bernard, the YTS trainee, in the midfield. Otherwise Oldham retain the personnel who were slightly unlucky to lose at Liverpool last Saturday.

Like **Oldham**, **Norwich City** and **Queen's Park Rangers** have finite financial resources, a point which became painfully apparent to Gerry Francis, the recently-installed QPR manager, as he prepared his players for tonight's home fixture against Norwich.

Ray Wilkins, his former England international captain, is a certain absentee and could face a lengthy lay off with an Achilles injury, while Darren Peacock and Andy Sinton require late fitness tests.

Francis said: "All this serves to show me what a small squad we have. We have little strength in depth and Wilkins's class and experience make him a tough player to replace."

Ian Holloway, bought from Francis's former club **Bristol Rovers**, could replace Wilkins, while Clive Wilson, Garry Thompson, Bradley Allen, and Andy Tillson also stand by.

Norwich include Robert Ullathorne, a teenage midfield player, in their squad, but hope that Mark Bowen, the captain, will be fit to start.

Two of the second division's pre-season promotion favourites meet at the Baseball Ground, where Simon Coleman, the subject of a £300,000 close season transfer from **Middlesbrough** to **Derby County** will be out to impress against his former colleagues. He will also be aiming to persuade the Baseball Ground crowd that he is capable of filling the central defensive breach created when Mark Wright left for Liverpool.

Middlesbrough field the side which beat Millwall in convincing fashion on Saturday, with Bernie Slaven, the Republic of Ireland international forward who has recovered from a hamstring injury, and Curtis Fleming, a full back purchased for £50,000 from Irish club St Patrick's, warming the bench.

Lennie Lawrence, Middlesbrough's new manager, promised his team would: "Get at Derby and attack them. If we do that we will win, but if we fall short in our commitment to attacking we will lose."

The first round, first leg, of the Rumbelows Cup, has presented Terry Cooper with a quick return to St James's Park and a reunion with the **Exeter City** players he left behind when he took over as manager of **Birmingham City** earlier this month. Exeter are now managed by Alan Ball.

Charlton Athletic will play their home tie against **Fulham** at Upton Park, as building work means that their return to The Valley has been delayed until September 14.



Allon: the match-saver called up to partner Dixon for Chelsea at Oldham

ROWING

Lightweight eight pour on pace to earn place in final

From MIKE ROSEWELL, ROWING CORRESPONDENT, VIENNA

THE men's lightweight eight became the first British crew to book a place in a final at the world championships in Vienna yesterday. Trailing to the higher-striking Australians until halfway, the British produced a remarkable third quarter, without an apparent change of rating, and were able to row the last 500 metres within themselves. The world champions, from Italy, looked ominous in winning the second heat.

Britain's heavyweight coxless four and eight experienced different fortunes in their first appearances. The coxless four have put some earlier disruption behind them. Racing in the company of Australia and the Netherlands, the 1990 gold and silver medal winners, Britain achieved a second place behind Australia to please their coach, Paul Wright. Wright said: "The Dutch spent too much time watching the Australians," and then hurried his crew away for a session with the team psychologist, Brian Miller.

Miller could also be expected to talk to the eight, who were badly left off the start in their heat. Fourth at 500 metres, they overhauled New Zealand, but never threatened the winners, Romania, and second-placed China, whose performances at these championships are beginning to raise eyebrows. Germany, the world champions, progressed to the final in the other heat but a last-minute substitute, Hecht Juergen, looked under some pressure.

The day produced some spirited performances from lesser-squad boats who caught the qualifying feeling. Peter Bridge and Justin Waller, the last men's crew to be selected, looked unlikely to qualify in the coxed pairs when the Cubans took third place after 500 metres. Cuba still looked safe until Waller shortened the stroke and raised the rate to 42 to retake third place in the last 15 strokes.

Claire Parker and Antonia Williams, another late selection, also qualified in the women's lightweight double sculls. They moved from last place at 500 metres to third, only two seconds behind Denmark, the world champions. This was a credit to their coaching by the former national champion, Simon Larkin. Similar maturity was shown by the women's lightweight four, who overhauled Australia, the 1990 silver medal winners, to finish second, behind the United States. China easily won the other heat.

CYCLING

Test time for a mix of talents

From PETER BRYAN IN STUTTGART

BRITAIN, the originators of road trials against the clock, have both men's and women's squads in today's 100 kilometres and 50 kilometres world championship events for the first time since 1987.

The return has been influenced by a need to reach a reasonable standard this year to attract British Olympic Association support for next year's event on the Barcelona Games programme.

Seeded fifteenth of the 27 nations entered, the British men's squad for the 100 kilometres event is an unusual combination of specialist riders against the clock, national track champions and dedicated roadmen.

Gary Dighton, Britain's best all-rounder champion time trialist who missed the national 12-hour championship last Sunday to be here, is teamed with the track pursuiter and short distance time trial title-holder, Chris Boardman. Simon Lillistone, another who rode here in last week's track programme, and Peter Longbottom, a roadman with 10 years international duty behind him.

The women's team is a departure from the previous norm with Louise Jones, former track sprinter and now the country's No. 2 pursuiter, gaining selection. She lines up with the experienced Mandy Jones, world road champion in 1982, the 18-year-old pursuit champion, Sally Dawes, and Julie Hill.

IN BRIEF

Double's twin win

JOHN Bell and his Wigton partner Ronnie Gass qualified for the semi-finals of the Woolwich EBA pairs championship by defeating Andrew Hunter and Ernie Tredwell, of Northampton, 28-14 and the brothers, Mike and John Davies, of Somerset, 25-10.

Steve Sanders and Alan Apsey, of Bristol, beat Steve Boniface and Keith Renwick 19-16 to go through.

GOLF: Michael Field, from Rotherham, the chairman of the EGU Championship committee, is president elect of the English Golf Union for 1992.

☐ The US Masters champion, Ian Woosnam, tests his driving power against US PGA title-holder, John Daly, in the 36-hole Grand Slam of Gold in Hawaii on November 12 and 13.

RUGBY UNION: Australia beat New Zealand Counties 17-12 in a warm-up for the Test on Saturday against the All Blacks.

BRIDGE: For the first time Europe is not represented in the semi-finals of the World Junior championships as Canada ahead of United States 1, United States 2 and Australia have qualified for the semi-finals in Arbor, Michigan.

SPEEDWAY: Joe Screen, aged 18, the youngest of the England squad, scored 12 points as the United States went 2-0 down in the Sunbrite series losing 56-52 at Wolverhampton. Paul Thorp, of Bradford, went to hospital after being knocked out

BADMINTON: Gillian Clark and Julie Bradbury, team up for the doubles for the Canadian Open from September 18 to 22, and the US Open from September 25 to 29.

EQUESTRIANISM: Prize-money for the 112, teams competing in the Burghley Remy Martin Horse Trials from September 12 to 15, has been doubled to £60,000.

Common drugs clampdown

LEAGUE footballers who use common cold medicines could be branded drug takers under the Football Association's new initiative on compulsory testing after matches.

The verdict comes from Bristol City, of the second division, whose players have been told they will be fined a week's wages for taking any remedy not prescribed by the club doctor.

Products such as Lemsip, Day Nurse, Benylin and Do Do tablets are on a list of 95 banned substances which will be notified this week to the players in their pay packets.

It has been compiled by club physiotherapist Buster Footman, who believes each could produce a positive result in the mandatory drug tests which the FA are introducing.

Gordon Taylor, the chief executive of the Professional Players' Association, angry at lack of consultation by the FA, has advised members not to cooperate with the drug tests.

Footman said: "They contain elements which might be seen to enhance a player's performance. It could lead to a lengthy ban from the game."

Sunderland snub ZDS Cup

By LOUISE TAYLOR

SUNDERLAND proved their stance against the premier League concept involves not only words but action yesterday when they declined to enter this season's Zenith Data Systems Cup in protest at the mass resignation of all 22 first division clubs from the League.

Bob Murray, the Sunderland chairman, said: "We do not wish to participate against clubs who have let down their fellow members by resigning from the League. We are sticking by our principles — even though we appreciate that the sponsors of the competition are doing a good job for the game."

Principles and politics apart, Murray's decision could enhance Sunderland's chances of success in the second division, by reducing both fixture congestion and potential injuries. Geoff Davidson, the club's general manager, said: "The decision was also based on our commitments in the League and the other two domestic cup competitions."

Sunderland apart, only the four clubs involved in Europe have turned down invitations to enter the ZDS. Murray, who last weekend urged the League's remaining 71 clubs to isolate the 22 Premier League rebels, yesterday said that 16 second and third division clubs have signed a pledge to strand the first divison teams by cutting off all contact with them if they form a Premier League.

He said: "We will have all the third and fourth divisons supporting this move by the end of the week, and then we will begin picking off the lower first division clubs as well.

"It is about time somebody got hold of the Premier League business, and if we are successful in what we are trying to do, I believe it is possible we will get to every club apart from the big four or five."

Gerry Francis, the manager of Queen's Park Rangers, added his voice to the Premier League debate yesterday when he criticised the League and the Football Association of "bringing the game into disrepute".

"I have spent my life in this game and it saddens me to see the governing bodies going to court to try and win control of it," Francis said. "It is such a shame, especially when the game is on the up again. But we have the FA and League bringing the game into disrepute themselves.

"There has not been a lot of consultation about this at all. I have not been consulted as a manager, the players have not been consulted, and the supporters, whom we take for granted, certainly have not been consulted.

"It would be nice to see someone come up with a 10 year plan for the game so the people involved could see where they are heading."

Francis believes the ideal man to formulate such a strategy is Gordon Taylor, the chief executive of the Professional Footballer's Association. "I think Gordon Taylor could have a major influence on the running of the game," he said.

DRAW: First round: Northern section: Grimsby Town v Wolves; Port Vale v Blackburn Rovers; Leicester City v Barnsley; Tranmere Rovers v Newcastle. Southern Section: Swindon Town v Oxford United; Bristol Rovers v Ipswich Town, Cambridge United v Charlton Athletic, Plymouth Argyle v Portsmouth; Watford v Southend United. (Matches to be played during the week commencing September 30). Second round: Northern section: Leicester City or Barnsley v Port Vale or Blackburn Rovers, Leeds United v Nottingham Forest; Sheffield United v Notts County; Tranmere Rovers or Newcastle United v Grimsby Town or Wolves; Middlesbrough v Derby County, Everton v Oldham Athletic, Coventry City v Aston Villa; Sheffield Wednesday v Manchester City. Southern section: Bristol City v Southampton, Brighton v Wimbledon; Plymouth or Portsmouth v Millwall; Bristol Rovers or Ipswich v Luton Town; Chelsea v Swindon or Oxford United, Crystal Palace v Watford or Southend United; Norwich City v Queen's Park Rangers; West Ham United v Cambridge United or Charlton. (Matches to be played during or before the week commencing October 21)

McAvennie pays for early brawl

FRANK McAvennie, sent off for violent conduct after a brawl when playing in a pre-season friendly for West Ham against the Brazilian side, Botafogo, has been given a three-match suspension by the Football Association. The suspension starts this Sunday and rules him out of West Ham's matches against Aston Villa, Notts County and Queen's Park Rangers.

☐ Brighton have agreed a fee of £100,000 with the Dutch club, Feyenoord, for the Liverpool-born forward, Mark Farrington, and he is expected to sign in the next few days. Farrington, aged 26, joined Feyenoord from Hertha Berlin.

☐ Cardiff City have signed Paul Millar and Carl Dale, forwards, in time for tonight's Rumbelows Cup tie against Bournemouth at Ninian Park.

☐ Swansea, third division, have paid £10,000 for the Cradley Heath midfielders, John Ford and John Williams.

☐ Sheffield Wednesday are ready to sell their goalkeepers, Chris Turner and Kevin Pressman, after signing Chris Woods from Glasgow Rangers for £1.2 million. Trevor Francis, manager, said: "They are not on the transfer list but we are willing to listen to offers."

Turner, formerly with Manchester United and Sunderland, played for Wednesday in their Rumbelow's League Cup win over Manchester United and helped them to promotion last season. He took over from Pressman, an England under-21 international, who played for the first half of the season.

☐ Trevor Cherry, the former Leeds and England defender, has returned to football as an associate director of Huddersfield Town, the club that launched his career. He has been out of the game since being sacked as manager of Bradford City in 1987.

☐ Charlton Athletic have appointed John Cartwright as their new youth team manager. He recently resigned as technical director of the Football Association's School of Excellence at Lilleshall.

☐ Shabe Westley, Wolverhampton Wanderers central defender, has been ruled out until Christmas because of injury. He had surgery on ligament damage after being carried off in a pre-season friendly at Aston Villa.

BASEBALL

Yankees cutting a fine line

By ROBERT KIRLEY

FOLLOWERS of the New York Yankees do not have to watch *Kojak* reruns to know that things can get hairy in the Big Apple. Last week Don Mattingly, the best of the Yankees, was pulled from the line-up for a home game with the Kansas City Royals for refusing to get a haircut. The Yankees, slightly less conservative than a 1956 Mississippi sheriffs' conference, have a strict grooming code, but it became obvious that neither side wanted to split hairs.

The next day, club officials ruled that Mattingly, one of the game's highest-paid players, did not need a haircut after all — at least, not right away. The first baseman said he had planned to get a trim anyway and lost a little off the back.

Nobody would call Yankee Stadium a clip-joint — unless you have bought a round of beer there lately — but Mattingly did not even have to leave the clubhouse to have his *coiffure* curtailed. The bullpen catcher, Carl Taylor, a barber in the close season, did the honours. Mattingly, his strength intact, returned to the line-up on Friday. On Saturday he knocked in the winning run in a 4-2 decision over the **Chicago White Sox**.

Not known for having brushes with management, Mattingly saved his fallen locks and said he would auction them for charity. "For some silly reason, I've seen other things like this bought," he said.

Mattingly has made it clear there is nothing permanent about his association with the team. He will wait till the end of the campaign before combing the leagues for another club. Meanwhile, the Yankees, the best-known name in American sport, continue to languish in the depths of their weak division. Supporters must be pulling their hair out.

Things are worse across town. On Sunday the New York Mets lost their tenth game in a row, 9-2 to the **Pittsburgh Pirates**. The Mets have lost 22 of their last 26 games. Jack Morris gave up eight hits to lead the **Minnesota Twins** to a 12-4 win over the **Oakland Athletics**, who lost their sixth game in a row for the first time in five years. When the **Seattle Mariners** beat the **California Angels** 5-3, they won their fifth in a row and went ten games above .500 for the first time in club history.

EQUESTRIANISM

Club surprise in dressage competition

THE three-day festival of four pony club championships started yesterday at Weston Park, near Shifnal, where Crawley and Horsham surprisingly won the team dressage championship for the first time (a Special Correspondent writes). They beat the 1989 winners, Heythrop, who came second, and last year's winners, North Warwickshire, who finished third.

CHAMPIONS SAFETY HEADWEAR TEAM DRESSAGE CHAMPIONSHIP: 1, Crawley and Horsham, 885. 2, Heythrop, 870; 3, North Warwickshire, 868. Best Boy: T Eastwood, The Grove. Best Junior Under-14: E Kingsley, East Sussex. Mounted games championship: 1, Eglinton (Scot), 47, 2, North Warwickshire, 40; 3, Berwyn and Dee, 38.

GOLF

Walker plays a second role in Solheim Cup

By MITCHELL PLATTS, GOLF CORRESPONDENT

MICKEY Walker is to be given a second chance to lead Europe to victory against the United States in the Solheim Cup, which will be played next year at the Dalmahoy Hotel Golf and Country Club, Edinburgh, from October 2 to 4. The Cup has been handed financial guarantees to sustain the event well into the next century. The American-based Karsten Corporation will sponsor the match for 20 years.

Walker, who was captain when Europe lost the inaugural match by 11½-4½ in Florida last year, is delighted to be the captain again. She said: "I am confident that we can make sure the Solheim Cup crosses and stays on this side of the Atlantic. It was a thrill to be the captain in the first match and it's an honour to be chosen again."

Meanwhile, the Women's Professional Golfers' European Tour (WPGET) awaits the return from holiday of Andrea Doyle to see if she will put pen to paper to a contract to succeed Joe Flanagan as executive director.

Flanagan yesterday confirmed that he will leave on November 30 and if Doyle refuses to sign, then the WPGET will be thrown into turmoil.

FOR THE RECORD

BASEBALL

NATIONAL LEAGUE: Chicago Cubs 3, Montreal Expos 2 (11 innings); Los Angeles Dodgers 3, San Diego Padres 2 (10 innings).
AMERICAN LEAGUE: Detroit Tigers 3, Chicago White Sox 2; Oakland A's 8, Minnesota Twins 7; New York Yankees 6, Kansas City Royals 2; Texas Rangers 4, Baltimore Orioles 1; Seattle Mariners 7, California Angels 1. Postponed: Cleveland Indians at Boston Red Sox (rain).

BOWLS

WORTHING: Woolarich EBA national pairs championship: Third round: M Davies and J Davies (Barwell, Somerset) bt A Jackson and G Reackman (Worcester Co-op), 28-17; R Gass and J Bell (Wigton, Cumbria) bt A Hunter and E Treadwell (Kingsthorpe, Northants), 28-14; C Smith and P Vamvacopoulos (West Wimbledon) bt P George and M Palmese (Portsmouth, Cornwall), 29-17; D Lockhart and G Niven (Bolton) bt S Hamblin and K Hamblin (Standish, Ickf), 22-1; J Meah and D Hall (National Physical Laboratory, Middx) bt K Plowman and B Gray (Clifton Hospital, York), 27-14; K Mitchell and D Colbourne (Bolton) bt P Seymour and K Rodgers (Chesham), 26-15; S Boniface and K Renwick (Tredegar Town, Mon) bt I Walker and R Tansley (Knaresborough), 29-11; S Sanders and A Apsey (Bristol) bt C Boyle and T Ord (Portland, Northumberland), 17-16. Quarter-finals: Gass and Bell bt Davies and Davies, 25-10; Lockhart and Niven bt Smith and Vamvacopoulos, 23-21; Meah and Hall bt Mitchell and Colbourne, 19-12; Sanders and Apsey bt Boniface and Renwick, 19-16.

CRICKET

MINOR COUNTIES CHAMPIONSHIP: Ebbw Vale: Wales 157 (G G Watts 4-37, D H Toseland 4-42) and 66-1; Cornwall 139 (M Davies 8-52). Flitcham: Berkshire 156 (G Sheppard 4-62) and 253-9 dec (D J Mercer 64, M L Simmons 68 not out); Wiltshire 163 (J H Jones 4-39, J Barons 4-59) and 68. Berkshire won by 186 runs. Durham: Durham 228-5 dec (G Brown 81) and 46-0; Norfolk 191-8 dec.
NATIONAL VILLAGE CHAMPIONSHIP: Semi-finals: Hemsby 193-7, Colwall 187. Hemsby won by 26 runs. St Fagans 228-7 (R Needham 97), Stock 173. St Fagans won by 55 runs.
NORTHAMPTON: Bull Under-17 Internationals: Zimbabwe 156 (J Hindson 7-69) and 246 (R Gifford 81; J Hindson 4-110); England 394-8 dec (M Walker 163, D Stenhiron 134) and 130. England won by 10 wkts.

FOOTBALL

NEVILLE OVENDEN COMBINATION: Crystal Palace 1, Oxford United 1.
PONTINS LEAGUE: First division: Liverpool 3, Blackburn Rovers 2. Second division: Derby County 0, Notts County 0; Middlesbrough 3, Scunthorpe United 0.
DIADORA LEAGUE: Premier division: Bognor 1, Basingstoke 2. First division: Croydon 2, Whyteleafe 3; Harlow 0, Haybridge Swifts 1. Second division: Ilford 1, Leatherhead 1.
BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE: Midland division: Nuneaton Borough 1, Hednesford Town 2. Southern division: Gosport Borough 1, Witney Town 2; Havant Town 1, Weymouth 2.
GREAT MILLS LEAGUE: Premier division: Mangotsfield United 2, Chippenham Town 0; Welton Rovers 1, Taunton Town 4.

GLIDING

ENSTONE: Open class national championships: Final day (374km quad, combined results): 1, R Jones (Nimbus 3), 110.87kph, 1,000pts; 2, C Reflinge (ASH-25), 108.40, 965; 3, J Cargill (ASW 22), 106.8, 948. Overall: 1, A Kay (ASH-25), 6,861pts; 2, Jones, 6,465; 3, Cargill, 6,438. Under-21 Cup: A Clarke (Venus B).

GOLF

WENTWORTH: PGA British assistants' championship: Early leading second-round scores: 139: G Orr (Burhill), 72, 67; P Lawrie (Kings Links), 70, 69. 142: M Dack (Lyme Regis), 72, 70. 143: K Golding (Stoneham), 68, 75. 145: D Clary (Hexham), 74, 71; S Little (Minchinhampton), 70, 75. 146: D Stokes (Chesterfield), 71, 75. 147: F Cash (Ilkley), 72, 75; A Clapp (A1 Academy), 72, 75. 148: C Lawrance (Warren), 77, 71; A Robertson (Seaton Carew), 77, 71.
PATSHULL PARK, Shropshire: Golf Foundation National age-group championships: Leading final scores: Boys Under-18: 148: G Harris (Broome Manor), 73, 75; C Rodgers (Royal Mid-Surrey), 73, 75; B Sandry (Exeter), 72, 74. Harris won three-hole play-off. Under-16: 152: C Richardson (Burghley Park), 78, 78. 154: P Davey (Foxhills), 80, 74. 155: Johnson (Biddenham), 79, 77. Girls: Under-18: 142: G Simpson (Cleckheaton), 71, 71. 153: V Hesks (Broome Manor), 78, 85. 174: J Angus (Wentworth), 77, 87. Under-16: 167: D Doyle (Lahinch), 82, 85. 169: L McLarsky (Dull House Royal), 85, 84. 171: K Robinson (Ingestre Park), 82, 89.
BURHILL, Surrey: Family foursomes: First round: Mrs A Wade (Hadley Wood) and S Wade (South Herts) w o m Couch and Mrs A Woolley (West Malling), scr; Mrs C Newman and P Newman (Walton Heath) bt Mrs P Harvie (Burhill) and A Harvie (St George's Hill), 1 up; Mrs C Cox and Mrs A Cox (St George's Hill) bt Mrs M Riley and A J Riley (Richmond), 4 and 3; Mrs E E Morgan and S Morgan (West Sussex) bt R Stewart (Tulfarian) and Miss M Stewart (Burhill), 3 and 1; Mrs S Tilling and O Gadney (Royal Wimbledon) bt C Constable and Mrs M Diddiches (Burhill), 5 and 3; Mrs N McDowall and M McDowall (Kingswood) bt D C N Longmuir and Miss F J Longmuir (Vaudeuse), 3 and 2; Mrs J Walker and E W C Walker (Royal Mid-Surrey) bt Mrs J Bowes and O Bowes (Walton Heath), 3 and 1; Mrs C Caldwell and R Caldwell (Sunningdale) bt Mrs B Gandry and R Gandry (Walton Heath), 4 and 3; Mrs J Pope (Wentworth Green) and S Ross (Burhill) bt Mrs R J Lavelle and A Lavelle (Berkshire), 6 and 5; Mrs E P Dale and C J Dale (Goring and Streatley) w o Mrs J Scott-Malden (Leatherhead) and C Scott-Malden (Stratford Spiceball), scr; Mrs B Ritchie and S Ritchie (West Sussex) bt A S Lloyd (Royal St George's) and Miss P Lloyd (Berkshire), 3 and 1; Mrs A Cotton and R Cotton (St George's Hill) bt J V Wilson and Miss J C Wilson (Tandridge), 6 and 4; Mrs B Cox and S Cox (Burnham Beeches) bt Mrs VM Hargreaves (Pachesham Copse) and R Hargreaves (Lybrook), 2 up; Mrs W Lloyd and R G Lloyd (Berkshire) bt Mrs M J Walker and J R Weller (Berkshire), 5 and 4; Mrs J K Tullis and K Tullis (Sunningdale) bt Mrs S M Mote and T P Mote (West Sussex), 5 and 4; Mrs J C Perfect (Prenton) and M Perfect (Moor Hall) bt Mrs B M Turner (Tedmarsh Heath) and P A Turner (N Berwick), 1 up; Mrs L Mallett and A Mallett (Ashford Manor) bt Mrs S Harvey and D Harvey (Royal Wimbledon), at 20th; M Heddleburg (Blackmoor) and Mrs A Whiteley (West Hill) bt M Cochrane (Littlestone) and Miss L Cochrane (Roehampton), 3 and 1; Mrs M A Williamson and C A Williamson (Hadley Wood) bt Mrs C Wiles and M Wiles (Worting), 4 and 2; Mrs J H Thorne and J Thorne (Worting) bt J K Birley and Miss J Birley (Tandridge), 7 and 6; Mrs J Hendersons and S M J Stradling (Roehampton) bt Mrs E F Tate (Worplesdon) and D A Tate (Royal Ashdown Forest), 6 and 5; Mrs S Donald and C J Donald (West Sussex) bt Mrs M Routledge and J Routledge (Burhill), 4 and 3; Mrs L Gilbert and A G Gilbert (Burhill) bt Mrs M Barlett and J Barlett (Beaconsfield), 1 up; Mrs J Henderson and S D Best (Burhill) bt Mrs S Robbins and D Robbins (Woodlands Manor), 4 and 3; Mrs F Ralph and J Ralph (Ellesborough) bt H A Mote and Miss E J Mote (West Sussex), 3 and 1; Mrs M Kidd and A B Kidd (St George's Hill) bt R M Lennard (Chobby Wood) and Mrs H P Wilson (Chigwell), 4 and 3; Mrs J Cresswell and R S Cresswell (Wentworth) bt Mrs J Bancroft (Mid-Herts) and A Barrow (Burhill), 3 and 2; Mrs E Alderson and J Alderson (Effingham) bt D P Marchessini (Sunningdale) and Mrs C Human (Aldeburgh), 5 and 4.

HOCKEY

CHIGWELL: Triangular tournament: Old Loughtonians 1, Scotland 1; London Indians 0, Scotland 3; Old Loughtonians 1, Scotland 0.

RIFLE SHOOTING

BISLEY: National smallbore rifle meeting: Adlington Bowl (Class X, 50m): 1, M Habershon (Wimbledon Pk), 308pts; equal 2, M Bagot (Kingsdale), W Murray (Chobham) and C Gardiner (Rutlish), 297. Johnson Aplin Trophy (Class A): 1, J Renouf (Anerley), 387; 2, G Haworth (Oxford), 386; 3, V Stow (Springfield), 384. Johnson Bells Trophy (Class B): 1, L Voigin (Feltsridge), 392. Johnson Gamma Trophy (Class C): 1, K Gibbons (Appleton), 388. Johnson Delta Trophy (Class D): 1, P Meldrum (Shelsley), 380. Lancaster and Rutland Trophy (Class X, 100 yards): 1, I Kerr (Sterling), 390 (on re-gauge); 2, M Babb (Deal), 388; equal 3, B Randle (Cheltenham) and G Webb (Portland), 385. BP Trophy (Class X, 100 yards): 1, C Cole (Edinburgh), 395; 2, E Watson (Birmingham), 394; 3, T Norman (Effingham), 392.

ROWING

VIENNA: World championships: Men: Single sculls (winners qualify for semi-finals): Heat one: Norway, 7:46.37; Italy, 7:47.32; Germany, 7:55.92. Heat three: Czechoslovakia, 7:28.44. Lightweight quad sculls (qualifiers for semi-finals): Heat one: Italy, 6:21.08. Heat two: Australia, 6:23.61; 2, Great Britain, 6:26.22 (to repechage). Heat three: United States, 6:20.00. Lightweight eights (qualifiers for final): Heat one: Great Britain, 6:13.96. Heat two: Italy, 6:07.54. Crossed paths (qualifiers for semi-finals): Heat one: Poland, 7:38.21; Czechoslovakia, 7:42.73; Austria, 7:49.88. Heat two: Italy, 7:34.26; Yugoslavia, 7:36.66; United States, 7:38.90. Heat three: Germany, 7:40.19; Romania, 7:42.47; Great Britain, 7:43.50. Coxless fours (qualifiers for final): Heat one: Australia, 6:04.05; 2, Great Britain, 6:08.29 (to repechage). Heat two: United States, 6:08.20. Eights (qualifiers for final): Heat one: Germany, 6:02.43. Heat two: Romania, 5:58.73; 3, Great Britain, 6:02.98 (to repechage). Women: Lightweight double sculls (qualifiers for semi-finals): Heat one: Denmark, 7min 44.04sec; Switzerland, 7:45.22; Great Britain, 7:46.13. Heat two: Germany, 7:43.78; Canada, 7:49.07; Australia, 7:58.24. Heat three: United States, 7:48.10; Sweden, 7:57.83; Poland, 8:04.09. Lightweight coxless fours (qualifiers for final): Heat one: United States, 7:25.71; 2, Great Britain, 7:27.92 (to repechage). Heat two: China, 7:27.24.

RUGBY UNION

TOUR MATCH: Counties 12, Australian XV 17 (in Pukekohe, New Zealand).
SCHOOLS MATCH: Cardiff High School Old Boys Sevens: Finals: President's VII 28, Cambridge University 24.

SPEEDWAY

WOLVERHAMPTON: Second Sunbrite International: England 56, United States 52 (England lead series, 2-0).
SUNBRITE LEAGUE: First division: Reading 65, Poole 35.

SQUASH RACKETS

SINGAPORE: Open championship: First round: Selected results: Jansher Khan (Pak) bt P Stasil (PO), 15-9, 15-9, 15-7; M Carlyon (Aus) bt P Carter (Eng), 15-10, 15-1, 15-7; B Martin (Aus) bt C Payne (Eng), 15-8, 15-6, 15-6; B Beeson (Eng) bt A Shun (Pak), 15-10, 13-15, 16-3, 16-12; R Graham (Eng) bt Tayyab Habib (Pak), 15-10, 11-15, 15-11, 3-15, 15-8; M Cairns (Eng) bt N Gallagher (Aus), 15-9, 15-11, 15-12; C Robertson (Aus) bt M Vocatil (Aus), 15-7, 15-8, 15-10.

SWIMMING

European championships, Athens

SWIMMING: Men: 100m breaststroke: 1, N Rozee (Han), 1min 01.46sec (best time 1:01.29 — world record); 2, A Moorhouse (GB), 1:01.88; 3, G Minervini (It), 1:02.41; 14, R Madden (GB), 1:03.86. 200m freestyle: 1, A Wojtal (Pol), 1:48.10; 2, G Lambert (It), 1:48.15; 3, R Gleria (It), 1:48.74; 15, P Howe (GB), 1:51.76; 20, S Mellor (GB), 1:52.27. Women: 100m freestyle: 1, C Pewinski (Fr), 55.20sec; 2, K Brianesse (Neth), 55.44; 3, S Cheppe (Ger); 14, K Pickering (GB), 58.52; 18, A Sheppard (GB), 58.92. 400m individual medley: 1, K Egerszegi (Hun), 4min 39.75sec; 2, B Costa (Fran), 4:44.87; 3, E Symonetta (Pol), 4:47.52; 15, K Reid (GB), 4:58.88; 16, Z Long (GB), 5:00.04. 4 x 200m freestyle relay: 1, Denmark, 8:05.80; 2, Germany, 8:10.20; 3, Netherlands, 8:13.97. WATER POLO: Men: Third round: Group A1: Soviet Union bt France, 14-9; Romania bt Czechoslovakia, 17-8. Group B1: Yugoslavia bt Poland, 11-9; Netherlands drew with Bulgaria, 10-10. Group B2: Spain bt Greece, 18-7; Germany bt Great Britain, 19-8. Women: Third round: Group A: Italy bt Soviet Union, 10-9; Hungary bt Greece, 10-9.
SYNCHRONISED SWIMMING: Solo preliminaries: 1, O Sedakova (USSR), 177.250pts; 2, C Thalassitou (Gr), 177.220; 3, A Crapon (Fr), 174.250; 4, M Bott (Neth), 171.136; 5, K Sheckleck (GB), 170.810; 6, P Cali (It), 168.727.

TENNIS

WASHINGTON: Women's tournament: First round: Z Garrison (US) bt C Tyesil (Arg), 6-2, 6-2; K Maleeva (Bul) bt C Cunningham (US), 6-4, 6-0; A Simmonds (Sa) bt N Tauziat (Fr), 6-4, 7-5; M Maleeva (Bul) bt C Lindqvist (Swe), 6-4, 6-3; M De Swardt (SA) bt R Fairbank-Nideffer (US), 6-3, 7-6; R Reichlerova (Cz) bt H Kelesi (Can), 7-6, 6-4; L Meskhi (USSR) bt L Fernando (It), 6-3, 4-4, ret; G Fernandez (P Rico) bt S Stafford (US), 6-7, 6-3, 7-6.
COMACK, New York: Men's tournament: First round: I Lendl (Cz) bt CU Steeb (Ger), 6-4, 3-6, 6-3.
NOTTINGHAM: Midland Bank national junior championships: Boys 18 and under singles: Second round: A Richardson (Linc) bt D Birney (Kent), 6-1, 6-4; T Heyman (Dorn) bt A Burgoyne (Kent), 4-6, 6-2, 10-8; D Sanders (Somerset) bt L Salvin (Dorset), 6-4, 6-7, 6-3; M George (Herts) bt P Fowler (Durham and Cleveland), 6-2, 2-6, 8-6; B Cowan (Lancs) w o V Morgan (S Wales), scr; N West (Herts and Iow) bt E McPherson (Middx), 6-2, 7-6; P Ryan (Kent) bt N Gibbs (Avon), 6-4, 6-0; J Fox (Linc) bt N Goldsby (Works), 6-2, 6-1; P Cooper (Wales) bt J Fairhurst (West of Scotland), 6-0, 6-1; S Brewer (Norfolk) bt N Curtis (Sussex), 6-3, 6-1; D Williams (Middx) bt M Rowe (Bucks), 6-2, 6-3; S Beanwell (Herts) bt M Wellhead (Linc), 6-3, 6-3; S Bonham (Essex) bt P Cliff (Wilts), 3-6, 6-1, 6-0; J Sells (Essex) bt J Barnett (West of Scotland), 6-3, 6-4; C Thurgood (Essex) bt B Johnson (Cheshire), 7-6, 6-4; N Beglin (Cheshire) bt A Baily (Herts and IoW), 6-2, 4-6, 6-4. Girls 18 and under singles: First round: L Barnett (Bucks) bt E Gardner (Essex), 6-3, 6-1; L Headham (Cambs) bt J Chaudhury (Cambs), 7-5, 6-1; V Irvine (Essex) bt A Cannonbuoy (Middx), 6-0, 6-0; M Wainwright (Essex) bt K Donovan (Herts), 6-0, 6-0; V Gray (Somerset) bt A Barbin (Salop), 6-3, 6-2; E Bond (Glouc) bt R Scott (Derby), 6-3, 6-1. Second round: L Ahl (Devon) bt D Pataia (Surrey), 6-4, 6-1; T Wainwright (Works) bt M Metcalfe (Lancs), 3-6, 6-3, 6-2; H Matthews (Berks) bt Irvine, 6-1, 9-1; Gray bt K Nicholson (Bucks), 6-3, 6-4; A Mowatray (Yorks) bt J Wills (Herts), 6-2, 6-3; H Cross (Devon) bt L Nicholson (Sussex), 6-4, 6-0; M Hudgens (North Wales) bt B Jackson (Cheshire), 6-1, 6-3; L Needham (Cambs) bt J Dean (Glos), 6-1, 6-2; M Wainwright (Essex) bt N Giles (Surrey), 6-3, 4-6, 6-3; C Hunt (Dorset) bt T Croson (Derbys), 6-3, 6-1; A Green (Suffolk) bt C Sirks (Herts), 6-2, 3-6, 7-5; J Pullin (Sussex) bt G Brown (Lancs), 7-5, 6-1; S Tee (Isle of Man) bt S Malone (South Wales), 7-6, 4-6, 7-5; Barnett bt S Kirby (North Wales), 4-6, 6-4, 6-0; L Jellis (Oxon) bt A Paterson (Herts and IoW), 6-3, 6-2; E Bond (Glos) bt L Woodroffe (Surrey), 6-3, 6-4.

WATER SKI RACING

DARWIN, Australia: World championships: Men: 1, J Worsfold (Aus), 2,410 points; 2, B Gregorio (It); Women: 1, C D Nobland (US); 2, C Ryston (US); 3, L Hickey (Aus). Teams (after two races): 1, Australia, 7,739.71pts; 2, United States, 7304.94; 3, Great Britain, 5,872.93.

WINDSURFING

FUERTEVENTURA, Canary Islands: PBA world tour: Slalom: 1, B Dunterbeck (Sp), 0.7pts; 2, N Baker (GB), 8.4; 3, E Thierre (Fr), 10.5.

YACHTING

MUMBLES: Sol Lasser national championships: Second race: 1, K Vicks; 2, S Fitch; 3, N Stenhouse. Third race: 1, Fitch; 2, Vicks; 3, H Pepper. Fourth race: 1, Fitch; 2, Vicks; 3, P Weedon.
MOUNTS BAY: International 505 national championships: Second race: 1, D Smithwhite and C Merrett; 2, I Pinsett and M

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European campaign can provide lavish bonus

Tottenham seek security with extended cup run

From STUART JONES, FOOTBALL CORRESPONDENT, VIENNA

FOR any English club to be knocked out of the preliminary round of a European competition would represent an acute embarrassment. For Tottenham Hotspur, who play Sparkasse Stockerau in the first leg of the Cup Winners' Cup here tonight, it would also be a financial calamity.

The rewards to be gained on the continent are invariably seen as a lavish bonus. Manchester United, the holders of the trophy, who beat Barcelona in the final in Rotterdam last May, profited by about £3 million, for instance, and were able to buy Parker on the proceeds of their success.

For Tottenham, though, progress in the competition is essential. Although they have benefited substantially from the proposed transfer of Gascoigne, from season ticket sales and from television contracts, their overall debt is still more than £8 million. Therefore, they cannot afford to lose against the representatives from the Austrian second division.

"We are aware that the financial possibilities are enormous," Peter Shreeves, their manager, said yesterday. "They would help us to build the club that we are looking for." During a close season when some £70 million was spent in the market place, he purchased only one new player, Durie, and even his move from Chelsea was belated.

His arrival was significant. Shreeves had indicated that his system this season would be built around a line of five in midfield, leaving Lineker to fill a lonely role up front. England's captain is particularly relieved that he now has a partner to share the load.

"When you are on your own," he said, "you get behind defenders and sometimes you look up and there's no one there. Physically, it is hard as well. With Gordon Durie there, it will be less demanding. I won't have to run to the left and to the right and then get on the end of my own crosses."

He will, incidentally, renew acquaintances with a familiar foe. Ostrowski, one of only three professionals amid the opposition, was in Poland's defence during the World Cup in Mexico five years ago. Lineker still relishes the memory of the three goals he scored against them, a contribution which preserved England's place in the competition.

He could do the same for Tottenham now, but he points out that tonight will be an unprecedented experience for him. Never before has he played competitively abroad with an English club. The European ban was in place when he was at Everton.

"That is why this is so exciting," he said. "It is a big, new experience for everybody at the club." From his days with England and with Barcelona, where he competed on the continent for three years, he is aware of the dangers which can lurk in a tie against supposedly-moderate opponents.

"In any early round you get this sort of game. Even though Barcelona were seeded and never played in the preliminary round, we ended up in Albania for three years on the trot. It can be tricky wherever you play and we know that with England against the likes of Turkey and Albania."

Sparkasse Stockerau have conceded home advantage. Instead of being cramped in the Alte Au ground, which holds only 7,000, his side will be accommodated in the Prater stadium, where the capacity is 55,000. "I'm happy that we are not in their usual home," the Tottenham's manager said.

Yet Lineker warns that the Austrians will be "highly motiviated."

"This will be their biggest game for many years, if not ever, and they can't be bad if they won their cup."

Yet after beating Rapid Vienna in the final last season, they have been eliminated from this season's event by a fourth division team.

Whatever the outcome, Tottenham's captain intends, before the second leg in a fortnight, to commit himself to the club for the rest of his career. Mabbutt, who will be 30 on Friday, says that he would like to extend the one-year contract he has left to another three years or more.

The former England international has previously been linked with Arsenal, Liverpool and Manchester United but is now hopeful of staying at White Hart Lane until he finishes.



Left in the wake: Moorhouse is beaten into second place by Roza in the European championships yesterday and loses chance to equal record

Moorhouse forgets to race to win

From CRAIG LORD IN ATHENS

NORBERT Rozsa adopted the simplistic ideology that Adrian Moorhouse had long forgotten – race to win, not for time – to beat the Briton into second place for the third time this year, at the twentieth European championships in Athens last night.

A delayed start by Rozsa ensured that the world record of 1min 01.29sec he set in the morning heats of the 100 metres breaststroke would not be matched in the evening. But the Hungarian's hesitation, which cost him at least half a second, sharpened his responses and reminded him of the need to race. Moorhouse admitted he had forgotten that lesson during his six-year dominance of the event. The Olympic champion, who was defending his European title for the third time, blamed his defeat on his own complacency and lack of ability to race his rivals rather than the clock, but he refused to accept that his age, 27, had played a part in the result.

Evidence that the latter might be the case could be found on the scoreboard: Rozsa clocked 1:01.49, a time the two men have registered five times between them, while Moorhouse, at 1:01.88, showed few signs of ageing, being only 0.39sec slower than his best ever and well ahead of Gianni Minervini, the Italian, who was third.

On paper, the race resembled their last big encounter, at the world championships in January. But in the water, the Hungarian spent part of the race chasing the Briton, while Moorhouse looked uncharacteristically as though he was aware of his rivals presence.

"I've been winning for so long, and I'd become a little bit complacent," said Moorhouse. "I've swum for times for a long while. Now I've got to learn to race again."

The Hungarian has now denied Moorhouse a world title and the honour of sharing the record of four consecutive European titles. But the Briton is determined to defend his Olympic title next year.

"It's been a very rough year. But I feel I'm over the hump in my career. Sure, I'm disappointed at losing, I enter races to win, not lose, and I didn't like the way I tied up at the end. But I think it will take a 60 point to win next year. That's what I'll be doing. My preparations start today."

However, Rozsa already looks like a man to better 1min 01sec, and his coach, Tamas Szechy, believes him capable of challenging the minute barrier.

Meanwhile, Gyorgy Zemplenyi, the Hungarian team manager, foster father of Rozsa, and president of the Hungarian Swimming federation, responded angrily to questions about whether his charge was tested after the world record in the morning.

He said: "I had to insist he was drug tested. It is ridiculous: these championships are being organised by idiots. If the Greeks can't do this, how could they hold the Olympic Games. It takes more than nice complexes. Look for intelligence, culture and logic, you won't find it in Athens."

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Atkinson aims for a repeat

By LOUISE TAYLOR

RON Atkinson faces his second reunion with former colleagues in four days when Manchester United visit Villa Park tonight. After last Saturday's win at Sheffield Wednesday, the newly-installed Aston Villa manager will be hoping to consign to defeat another set of familiar faces from a former club.

Atkinson, who twice steered United to FA Cup success in the Eighties, is forced to alter the spearhead of the side that succeeded at Hillsborough. Dalian Atkinson, a £1.6 million close-season acquisition from Real Sociedad, has pulled a hamstring and is expected to be replaced by Gary Penrice, a £1 million buy from Watford last season.

Atkinson has few qualms about Penrice. "He was our best looking forward in pre-season and was unlucky not to play at Sheffield Wednesday, but that was a big occasion and I felt that Dalian and Cyril Regis were big-occasion players." Atkinson said. Dwight Yorke, aged 19, the Trinidad and Tobago international, will retain his place on the wing.

Alex Ferguson, the United manager, has added Neil Webb, Danny Wallace, and Mal Donaghy to the thirteen who were on duty for the 2-0 win at home to Notts County.

Andrej Kanchelskis, United's Soviet international winger, will play, despite concern about Inna, his wife who is still in the Soviet Union.

Ferguson said: "Andrej will play. Naturally the boy is concerned and we feel that to play will be the best thing for him. His main worry is that his wife will be able to fly to England next Sunday as planned."

Liverpool, who defeated Oldham Athletic 2-1 at Anfield on Saturday, travel to Manchester City with an unchanged side. Graeme Souness, their manager, yesterday said: "We can expect a hard game. In recent history, Liverpool have had a very good record at Maine Road, but that counts for nothing."

Peter Reid, his City counterpart, who welcomes Tony Coton back in goal after a three-match suspension, believes that his side will not have a monopoly on macho tendencies tonight.

"When you look at Graeme Souness as a player and then as a manager, his team in Scotland mirrored him in so much as they were strong and positive," he said.

Thomas happy at the top

By PATRICIA DAVIES

VICKI Thomas, who starts her defence of the British women's strokeplay championship at Long Ashton, Bristol, today, is showing no signs of burn-out after a dozen years at the top.

Runner-up to Mary McKenna in this event as long ago as 1979, the year she won the first of seven Welsh titles, Thomas accumulated more than enough honours to satisfy anyone – Curtis Cup, Vagliano Trophy, Commonwealth tournament, world amateur team championship, Welsh caps galore. The list lacked little, except for a British title.

That gap was filled last year and, while Thomas would love a British matchplay championship to complete the set, she is happy with what she has achieved. She feels that she has nothing left to prove and is playing for pleasure. She still loves to compete and if she is chosen for teams, that is wonderful.

Commanding batting from the championship leaders

By RICHARD STREETON

EDGBASTON (first day of three: Warwickshire won toss): Glamorgan, with nine first-innings wickets in hand are 328 runs behind Warwickshire

AFTER three consecutive games without a win, Warwickshire, the championship leaders since late May, made the best possible start to this match yesterday and scotched any talk that they might be faltering.

Consistent batting down the order, climaxed with a telling late spurt, enabled them to reach a commanding total. Before the end they had James, the Glamorgan opener, caught at short-leg.

The points' advantage Warwickshire held over their rivals at one time has gradually been eroded and they badly need to win this game. Everything so far has gone their way, not least the toss and first use of a well grassed pitch that is yielding uneven bounce.

Even their fixture pattern could help Warwickshire in the testing final weeks. They have only three matches left, Worcestershire and Northamptonshire at home and Somerset away, all of them four-day games. These are nicely spread out with breaks of five, nine and three days, a significant factor for a side who rely so heavily on their quick bowlers.

Andy Lloyd, with one of those brisk, unselfish innings that has become a trademark this year, was the leading scorer with 86 as the Glamorgan attack was put through the hoop in scorching sunshine.

Warwickshire were past 200 before they lost their second wicket after the basis for a large total was made certain by Moles and Paul Smith, whose success was a triumph for the county selectors.

Smith's inclusion, as a fourth seamer, was felt essential with Reeve's contribution restricted to batting because of a side strain. The only position where Smith could be slotted into the side was as an opening batsman instead of Ratcliffe. Warwickshire hedged their bets by picking Holloway, the better batsman, to keep wicket instead of Piper but Smith made all the runs required of him.

WARWICKSHIRE: First Innings

A J Moles c Matson b Dale	65
P A Smith c Shastri b Dale	80
*T A Lloyd b Shastri	86
D P Ostler c James b Shastri	35
D A Reeve c Croft b Shastri	40
Asif Din c Dale b Watkin	46
N M K Smith c James b Shastri	6
†P C L Holloway not out	4
G C Small c Matson b Watkin	4
Extras (b 2, lb 19, nb 2)	23
Total (8 wkts dec, 95.5 overs)	358

T A Munton and A A Donald did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-85, 2-207, 3-223, 4-259, 5-338, 6-344, 7-354, 8-358.

BOWLING: Watkin 14.5-5-68-2; Frost 12-3-35-0; Bastien 20-6-61-0; Dale 15-3-43-2; Croft 17-6-57-0; Shastri 17-2-73-4.

GLAMORGAN: First Innings

*A R Butcher not out	18
S P James c Moles b Munton	4
†C P Metson not out	8
Extras (lb 1, nb 3)	4
Total (1 wkt, 11 overs)	30

A Dale, M P Maynard, R J Shastri, P A Cottey, R D B Croft, S L Watkin, M Frost and S Bastien to bat.

FALL OF WICKET: 1-24.

Bonus points: Warwickshire 4, Glamorgan 3.

Umpires: J C Balderstone and B Leadbeater.

Leeds try for early solution

By KEITH MACKLIN

LEEDS and Wigan were locked in talks throughout yesterday as the Headingley club attempted to persuade the Wigan chairman, Maurice Lindsay, to accept their offer for the Great Britain captain, Ellery Hanley.

Leeds have made an offer believed to be in the region of £200,000, but Lindsay and Wigan were holding out for more. The Leeds chief executive, Alf Davies, said: "We want to get the matter over quickly. Ellery wants to join us and there is little point in Wigan holding out. We want the matter settled quickly."

Lindsay is expected to drive a hard bargain, since he had set a great deal of personal store on persuading Hanley to stay at Central Park with a deal for two years worth £250,000 plus bonuses.

The key factors in Hanley's decision to choose Leeds are a three-year contract and the fact that the player lives close to the Headingley ground.

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Soviet footballers facing a Moscow dilemma

By JOHN GOODBODY

THREE Soviet Union footballers, who play for British clubs, are today pondering the implications of returning to Moscow before their country's European championship qualifier in Oslo next week.

Dr Viacheslav Koloskov, the President of the Soviet Football Federation, has told Fifa, the game's governing body, that he will be responsible for the three players, Andrej Kanchelskis, of Manchester United, and Oleg Kuznetsov and Alexei Mikhailichenko, both of Rangers, and all three should go to Moscow.

However, Archie Knox, the Rangers assistant manager, has asked the Soviet federation for permission for his two players to travel direct to Oslo. Knox is in Spain with the pair, who are in a Soviet squad taking part in a two-day international tournament.

Campbell Ogilvie, the Rangers secretary-general, said yesterday: "We have told Uefa of our position, as we do not want to be in contravention of its regulations, and the Scottish FA has also taken up the case on our behalf."

Alex Ferguson, the United manager, is not happy about Kanchelskis, who laid on both goals in a 2-0 win over Notts County last Saturday, returning to Moscow. He wants his winger to play against Aston Villa tomorrow and at Everton on Saturday and then fly direct to Oslo.

"Naturally, we are concerned about the state of affairs in the Soviet Union. We need advice and are in touch with Uefa. I imagine Uefa will be having similar approaches from a number of clubs," he said.

"We are not entirely happy about letting him report back to the Soviet Union on Thursday, as he is supposed to do. We would prefer him to wait until the turmoil settles before he actually goes back."

The situation for all three is complicated by the location of their families. Inna, the 18-year-old wife of Kanchelskis and a medical student, is expected to fly to Manchester on Sunday to await her husband's return from Norway.

Whereas Kuznetsov, who signed for Rangers in July 1990, has his family in Scotland, Mikhailichenko, who joined two months ago, is still waiting for his family to be granted a visa to leave Kiev.

The uncertainty in the Soviet Union is expected to lead tomorrow to the postponement of the Paris-Moscow-Peking motor rally, due to leave the Place de la Concorde on September 1. An estimated £200 million has been committed to the event.







Faces of concern: from left, Kuznetsov, Kanchelskis and Mikhailichenko

The planned route of the 10,000-mile rally would have taken the competitors through the Soviet cities of Minsk, Moscow, Aktubinski and Tashkent. A total of 260 teams have entered the event.

Meanwhile, the Soviet teams at the world rowing and European swimming championships have continued competing, although with their minds on events at home. The organisers of the world cycling championships in Stuttgart have supplied Soviet riders with five free phones to call home.

However, the Soviet side has been withdrawn from the European under-21 hockey qualifying tournamem in Belfast because of the political situation.

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Legal action threat to ITC

PHIL Redmond, the creator of Channel 4's *Brookside*, who has outbid Granada Television in the Channel 3 licence auction, has threatened legal action against the Independent Television Commission (ITC) should it invoke the exceptional circumstances clause to award the licence to the lower bidder (Melinda Wittstock writes).

North West Television, which is believed to have bid as much as £35 million, says its application and business plan is of sufficient quality to allow it to oust Granada, one of commercial television's oldest companies. Granada is thought to have bid about £20 million.

Mr Redmond said: "If North West's record on quality is challenged, with programmes such as *Brookside* and *Grange Hill* and the backing of both Yorkshire and Tyne Tees Television, a judicial review will be pending."

Willis Corroon makes £69.4m

Willis Corroon, the merged insurance broking group, made a pre-tax profit of £69.4 million in the first half, compared with a pre-tax profit from Willis Faber last time. This is 5 per cent lower than the pro-forma profits of Willis and Corroon & Black, which merged last October.

Earnings per share in the half year fell 30 per cent to 10.9p, while the dividend is 6.6p.

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Payout raised

Pentland Group, the consumer products company associated with Reebok, Adidas and Speedo, reports pre-tax profits of £6 million (£6.3 million pro-forma) for the six months to end-June. The interim dividend is 0.9375p (0.3125p).

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THE POUND

US dollar
1.6415 (+0.0130)
German mark
2.9539 (–0.0042)
Exchange index
90.2 (same)

STOCK MARKET

FT 30 Share
1987.9 (+12.0)
FT-SE 100
2554.5 (+14.0)
New York Dow Jones
2903.85 (+5.82)*
Tokyo Nikkei Avge
21687.06 (+230.30)

MAJOR CHANGES

RISES:

J Smurfit	592½p (+20p)
D Smith	369½p (+13p)
Enterprise	512p (+12p)
LASMO	325½p (+11p)
Sothebys	750p (+12p)
Silvermines	72½p (+13p)
Kwik Save	569p (+15p)
P Bilton	453½p (+16p)
Great Portland	190½p (+11p)
Hammerson 'A'	616p (+12p)
Davies & Newman	135p (+10p)
Eurotunnel Units	448½p (+19p)
Tiphook	504p (+10p)
Powell Duffryn	299p (+11p)
Cambridge Elec	186½p (+11p)
Elec Data Process	212½p (+14p)
Simon Eng	298½p (+11p)
Siebe	496p (+17p)
Photo-Me	227½p (+20p)

FALLS:

Flogas	205p (–10p)

INTEREST RATES

London: Bank Base: 11%
3-month Interbank 10$^{13}/_{16}$-10$^{15}/_{16}$%
3-month eligible bills: 10$^{9}/_{32}$-10$^{7}/_{32}$%
US: Prime Rate 8½%
Federal Funds 5$^{7}/_{16}$%*
3-month Treasury Bills 5.13-5.12%*
30-year bonds 100$^{1}/_{16}$-100$^{3}/_{32}$*

CURRENCIES

London:	New York:
£: $1.6415	£: $1.6385*
£: DM2.8539	$: DM1.8035*
£: SwFr2.5402	$: SwFr1.5465*
£: FFr10.0189	$: FFr6.1170*
£: Yen225.38	$: Yen137.45*
£: Index90.2	$: Index67.7
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Brent (Sep) ..... $20.90 bbl ($20.45)
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Dealers remain nervous on reports of tanks approaching parliament

Markets fare better but remain wary

By GEORGE SIVELL AND COLIN NARBROUGH

MARKETS recovered some of their poise after the Red Monday shakeout but signs of nervousness remained, especially in later trading, when it was reported that tanks were heading towards the Russian parliament building in Moscow.

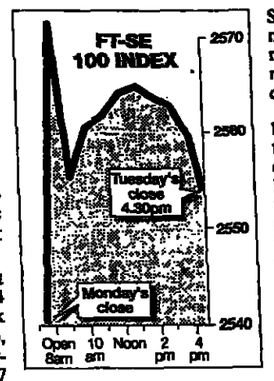
The London stock market managed a recovery of 14 points to 2,554.5 on the back of an overnight rise in Tokyo, measured by the Nikkei average of 230.30 points, or 1.07 per cent, to 21,687.06. Wall Street continued in similar vein with the Dow Jones industrial average standing 5.82 up at 2,903.85 by lunchtime. Earlier in the morning, the index had stood at 2,926.65 but began to fall after reports than women were being evacuated from the Russian parliament.

German shares ended the day 1.9 per cent higher, regaining a little of Monday's 9.4 per cent loss. The Dax index rose 29 points to 1,526.93. Dealers said the market was nervous about Soviet developments.

Economics and analysts strove yesterday to quantify the impact of the hardliners grasping control of the Soviet Union. Economists generally said that the overthrow of Mikhail Gorbachev could only undermine prospects for early world economic recovery by damaging confidence throughout the membership of the Group of Seven trading nations.

Analysts at Yamaichi said that this could result in earlier interest rate cuts than might otherwise have been the case especially if it is felt that economic prospects will be damaged.

Money markets in London reacted accordingly with trading rates lowering slightly. Analysts now suspect a half point could be knocked off base rates round the time of the August inflation figures, due to be published on September 13, and certainly before the Conservative party Conference.



Both equity and foreign exchange markets reacted nervously to a news agency report around lunchtime in London that Mr Gorbachev had returned to the Kremlin. This was later corrected to a return to the Crimea, but in the intervening period the dollar had lost three pfennigs and the FT-SE 100 index surged from showing a rise of 15 to a rise of more than 30.

Foreign exchange dealers said that investors seemed to want to hang on to dollars until they had more idea of what was happening in the Soviet Union. But the dollar managed a fall of 1.75 pfennigs to DM1.8010 as the mark recovered from Red Monday's 7 pfennig fall.

The pound remained sidelined, but ended fourth top of the exchange-rate mechanism despite losing 0.25 pfennig to DM2.9573. Against the dollar the pound firmed, rising almost one cent to $1.6415. Sterling's trade-weighted index closed unchanged at 90.2.

Gold continued to confound markets, with the price falling almost $5 to $355.50 in London. Dealers had expected the price to rise more in reaction to the Soviet problems.

Oil prices were strong again but remained below the traded peak they hit on Monday. In late afternoon trading October futures for the international benchmark Brent Blend crude on London's International Petroleum Exchange had risen 40 cents to $20.93 a barrel. Although Soviet oil supplies continued apparently uninterrupted, concern that the political situation might deteriorate kept the market on edge.

Oil workers in the giant Tyumen oilfield in Siberia have said they would not support the strike call made by Boris Yeltsin, the Russian president, although they supported him politically.

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Point of order: a trader on the Frankfurt stock market signalling a deal yesterday

Lending leaps but firms still cautious

By COLIN NARBROUGH
ECONOMICS CORRESPONDENT

STRONGER demand from the personal sector revived bank and building society lending last month, but companies remained wary of taking up credit, according to the latest money figures.

Bank of England data showed a seasonally adjusted rise of £3.4 billion in lending to the private sector in July, up sharply from June's £400 million increase. It was the highest monthly gain since February.

Some analysts saw the July rise, with the pick-up in retail sales, as evidence of recovery. Others dismissed the data as distorted by borrowing for the water privatisation. For the sceptical, the data confirmed that lending remains weak.

The officially targetted narrow money supply measure, M0, showed annual growth of 2 per cent for the second consecutive month, which put it in the middle of the target range. But more recent weekly data point to annual growth slowing again in August.

The British Bankers' Association said total sterling lending to the private sector by the clearing banks was "virtually unchanged" after adjustment for seasonal factors.

Lending to the personal sector rose £343 million in July. Mortgage lending was £459 million higher.

The government said the number of unemployed for more than 12 months rose by 37,000 in the three months to July, putting the total increase since July 1990 at 78,500, or 15.3 per cent. Apart from Scotland and Northern Ireland, all regions saw a rise in long-term joblessness.

Henry McLeish, shadow employment minister, said the figures made grim reading for the unemployed and the government, confirming Britain had the fastest rising long-term and youth unemployment in the European Community.

Provisional estimates show that companies destocked heavily in the second quarter. Manufacturers, wholesalers and retailers reduced stocks by a seasonally adjusted £1.37 billion, after a first quarter fall of £954 million.

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KPMG warns firms on investing in east Europe

By WOLFGANG MÜNCHAU

KPMG is advising companies to think twice before investing into central and eastern Europe. The world's largest international accountancy and management consultancy group, said: "Those who are not yet committed to establishing a presence in Poland, Hungary or Czechoslovakia should reassess plans.

"The USSR remains a major trading partner of these countries and the uncertainties in that market could cause serious short-term problems."

If companies follow KPMG's advice, investments worth several billion dollars will be at risk. This year, investments into eastern Europe, mainly Hungary, Poland and Czechoslovakia, were estimated to be worth from $3 billion to $5 billion, and were expected to rise strongly next year, once Czechoslovakia's privatisation is in full swing.

Michael Gibbins, head of KPMG's east European activities, said that the warning applied to companies that have not yet invested, or those in "the letter of intent stage". For companies that have set up operations in eastern Europe, he said, "the worst thing they should do now is to pull out. We are not advising our western clients with interests in the USSR to pull out immediately at this stage."

For the struggling democracies in central and eastern Europe, the upheaval in the Soviet Union comes at a time when western reluctance to invest in east Europe was beginning to disappear. East European trade with the Soviet Union collapsed by about 50 per cent after the dismantling of Comecon, the former east European trading block. However, for many companies in east Europe that are struggling to sell their products in western markets, the Soviet Union still represents the most significant outlay for their products.

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Institutions shun Mountleigh issue

By MATTHEW BOND

INSTITUTIONAL shareholders have shunned the £96 million rescue right issue launched in July by Mountleigh, the property company. By the time the issue closed on Monday, existing shareholders had taken up 12 per cent of the issue.

With Mountleigh's share price remaining below the 25p issue price all day, UBS Phillips & Drew, the securities house which underwrote the issue, was unable to place the unwanted 88 per cent of the issue. That passes to the sub-underwriters, including the concert party led by Nelson Peltz, Mountleigh's chairman.

Neale Albert, a non-executive director of Mountleigh, agreed that the level of shareholder support was disappointing but said that from the company's point of view it had been a success. "Mountleigh did not make the rights issue to get a vote of confidence. Mountleigh did it because it needed additional equity." A refinancing with the company's banks was conditional on the new equity being raised.

The company will receive the proceeds from the issue next Tuesday.

The failure of the rights issue enables the concert party, which also includes Peter May and a Gordon Getty family trust, to increase their control of the company. By subscribing for 95 million new shares and sub-underwriting the first 12.5 per cent of the rights issue, the concert party will receive 29 per cent of Mountleigh.

HEI, a Bahamas partnership used by the Pritzker family, will have 13.3 per cent of Mountleigh and Accumulator, a Danish property company, will get 5.2 per cent.

Salomon's BT role 'to be reviewed'

By NEIL BENNETT, BANKING CORRESPONDENT

THE British government is believed to be reviewing the appointment of Salomon Brothers, the American securities house, to handle the privatisation of British Telecom, after Salomon admitted breaking US Treasury dealing rules and John Gutfreund, its chairman, resigned.

A spokesman for the Treasury refused to comment on whether Salomon was under scrutiny, but sources close to the department said it would be unusual if it did not review the situation.



Maude: review expected

Francis Maude, the financial secretary to the Treasury, is expected to look into Salomon's position.

Salomon has not yet had any direct contact with the Treasury.

Salomon is likely to be allowed to proceed with the issue on the grounds that its equities department has not been involved in the American bond operations.

Salomon won the job of placing the American portion of the BT privatisation after competing against Goldman Sachs and Morgan Stanley, which have handled most of the British privatisations in the past.

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US suppliers jilt Holy Loch firms

By KERRY GILL

FOUR British companies, including a boat builder and a tug company, are pondering their future having become the financial equivalent of jilted GI brides.

The shock waves caused by the impending departure of the US Navy from the Holy Loch in the west of Scotland have hardly subsided but the four sub-contracting companies to the base have learned that their American employers have been sacked owing them more than £500,000.

Superior Marine, of Portsmouth, Virginia, was appointed by the US Navy to provide support services to the submarine base, the closure of which was announced in February after 30 years on the loch. The firm employed the four British companies, Morris & Lorimer (Marine), of Dunoon; Clan Contracts, of Gourock; Tees Marine, of Middlesbrough; and Alexander Towing, of Liverpool, to carry out work at the base.

Superior Marine's contract was terminated by the navy and now Terry Hooper, managing director of Morris and Lorimer, has been notified by the US bankruptcy court that the company has applied for Chapter 11 proceedings which could protect it from payment of debts for up to five years.

Mr Hooper said his company faced closure because of the debt. "Over the years the US Navy has led us to believe that their contractors are vetted and supported in order to prevent a scenario such as this. A new company has been appointed to handle the work since the departure of Superior Marine but it, too, is refusing to pay any debt."

Morris & Lorimer relied on the American presence for almost 20 years. It built small boats at its yard, carried out repairs and supplied equipment to the US navy. Mr Hooper said he was owed more than £80,000. If the cash was paid his company would be able to restart trading. Mr Hooper believes the US Navy has a moral obligation to clear the debts, particularly with the economic devastation its departure will bring.

He said American laws were complex and he had been advised that there was little chance that he or any other of the companies could get any satisfaction through the American courts. "The Americans should not be allowed to walk away leaving debts which could force British contractors out of business, especially now that the US Navy is pulling out. It appears that they feel that as they are leaving it doesn't matter what happens to local people." Mr Hooper added. He said his ten remaining employees face the dole.

There was no one available for comment from the US Navy last night.

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The right to buy dream that turned sour with Homes Assured

Homes Assured collapsed in August 1989, owing £10 million and leaving more than 7,000 council tenants planning to buy their houses and flats under the right to buy scheme stranded.

The broker arranged mortgages for council tenants wanting to buy their homes. It charged fees of £500 per mortgage at the outset and offered expensive loans to cover the fees.

As a tied agent of Criterion Assurance, it also sold the council tenants endowment policies. Normally, such policies are sold to start when the property purchase is completed. Homes Assured sold the policies and started earning commission long before mortgages were arranged. In addition, it received commission on home improvement loans it arranged.

Many of those who took out loans for fees were promised mortgages although they had low earnings that would not have warranted a mortgage from a main lender.

Homes Assured operated for two years. At the first creditors' meeting it was confirmed that bailiffs had begun arriving at its offices pursuing debts at the end of 1988. It continued trading until the following August. Investigators from the Metropolitan Police fraud squad and Serious Fraud Office moved in after the closure.

Sir Edward du Cann had resigned his non-executive directorship of the broker in August 1989, shortly before the appointment of liquidators. Another non-executive director was Douglas Perryman, former finance director of British Telecom, and Eric Orbell, a former general manager of Commercial Union. Mr Perryman resigned after a few months.

The former Conservative party chairman had asked the environment department in early 1988 to send right to buy application forms directly to the broker instead of only issuing them to the council tenants. William Waldegrave, the minister, replied that by making the forms available to Homes Assured, the department could be seen to be endorsing the service and it might give tenants the impression they were expected to use such an agency.

The firm tried to overcome this reluctance at a meeting when directors suggested that they would get the written authorisation of tenants for forms to be sent directly to Homes Assured.

Sir Edward also led a presentation to Legal & General, the insurance company, to ask for £1.8 million for expansion of Homes Assured. The company then estimated it would make £11.9 million in the year ending March 1989 from commissions.

The company, which had previously been the tied agent of L&G, claimed its financial problems resulted from council tenants cancelling insurance contracts when they decided they could not afford to buy their homes. Allegations of extravagance were made at a creditors' meeting. Homes Assured had more than 50 company cars when it collapsed.

Homes Assured, which had 12 subsidiaries, banked with a private Danish bank on the Isle of Man.

Two months after Homes Assured ceased trading, Sir Edward issued a statement claiming that the House of Fraser was behind the publicity surrounding the closure of Homes Assured. He claimed that it was "a prepared and careful attempt to blacken my character".

Sir Edward received a lump sum of £25,000 the day after he joined the board as non-executive director. The money was paid to Cothay Services, which received all payments for Sir Edward. Cothay was one of Homes Assured's creditors being owed £11,643.

LINDSAY COOK
Money Editor

BICC focuses on Europe as interims tumble to £66m

By COLIN CAMPBELL



Robin Biggam, chief executive (left) and Sir William Barlow, chairman of BICC

BICC will continue to invest in and develop its promising optical fibres interests, with further penetration of European markets in mind, said Sir William Barlow, chairman.

The international cables and construction group is the second largest in the world in optical fibres, outside America, and exports 60 per cent of its British production to the Continent. The earlier announced doubled capacity of operations at Deeside, Wales, would be completed by year-end, and BICC remains optimistic about securing increased business in eastern Germany. There are no business connections with the Soviet Union, he added.

Lower orders from British Telecom reflected BT's battle against recession, but BICC still held big contracts with other national corporations.

Sir William yesterday revealed interim pre-tax profits of £66 million for the six months ended June 29, against £100 million last time. The setback was largely due to poorer results from North America and Australasia. Turnover was 2 per cent lower at £1.89 billion. The interim dividend is held at 6p a share, payable from net interim earnings of 14.1p (21.8p) a share.

Sir William said the recession had cut across the group's businesses, and only BICC Cables, which performed well in Britain and on the Continent, managed to maintain previous profits levels.

BICC has won several big contracts, including a £200 million order in Malaysia and a £75 million power station contract in Dubai. Productivity improvements continue.

Worldwide, the workforce has fallen by about 2,000 over the past 12 months, and in Britain by 9 per cent in the past six months, BICC added.

Housebuilding operations continue to be depressed, and the commercial housing market remains weak. Within Balfour Beatty, BICC charged £6 million against operating profits to cater for losses on development and contract hire.

Sir William gave warning that business confidence has yet to recover and trading conditions will remain difficult, at least until the first half of 1992. He believed, however, that BICC's leading markets were unlikely to show any further marked deterioration, but their recovery was likely to be "slow and modest".

There are signs that North America is moving out of recession, and in Australasia it is now possible that the economy has reached the bottom of the cycle, Sir William added.

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NFC slips 4% in first nine months

By OUR CITY STAFF

THE property and travel interests of NFC have continued to hold back this transport and freight group, which reported a 4 per cent drop in nine-month pre-tax profits to £61.2 million. Pickfords Travel showed an operating loss of £2.7 million for the 40 weeks to July 13, although this is 10 per cent lower than the deficit at the same stage last year. Profits from Hyperion, the property subsidiary, collapsed from £13.9 million to £3.2 million.

Group operating profits were down by 5 per cent to £68 million. However, the core transport, logistics and home services divisions showed a 10 per cent improvement in operating profits to £66.6 million. Group operating profits, on a quarter by quarter basis, have improved from a 30 per cent decline in the first quarter to an 11 per cent increase in the third quarter.

NFC said that it did not expect any meaningful recovery in the United Kingdom during the rest of the year. NFC said that it is keeping to its "best view" projection of pre-tax profits of £90 million to £95 million for the whole of the current year, compared with £97.7 million last year. A third interim dividend of 1.5p takes the total dividend paid so far this year to 4p (3.25p).

Eurocopy 'can convince' OFT

By MATTHEW BOND

EUROCOPY, the office equipment group, has said it is confident it can convince the Office of Fair Trading (OFT) that it should be allowed to retain its consumer credit licences.

The annoucement came after Sir Gordon Borrie, director general of the OFT, confirmed reports that he was minded to revoke the credit licences held by Eurocopy and its 17 subsidiaries. Sir Gordon's conclusion came after OFT mounted an investigation into the company, prompted by numerous complaints about sales practices used by some of its subsidiaries to sell photocopiers. In particular, the complaints relate to Purdie & Kirkpatrick, a Scottish subsidiary that Eurocopy acquired when it bought Equipu from Sketchley in March 1989.

Eurocopy said it welcomed Sir Gordon's announcement, because it offered the company "both a right of reply and a chance to clear its name". Eurocopy said it had known of the problems for several months before a campaign headed by Nigel Griffiths, the Edinburgh MP, sparked a number of adverse newspaper articles.

"Steps have been put in place to ensure there should be no repetition," it added.

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Institutional buying boosts unit trust sales

INCREASED buying by institutional investors led to a 36 per cent rise in the sales of unit trusts last month to £946.9 million, the highest since April, the Unit Trust Association said. Funds under management stood at £57.6 billion, £1.1 billion higher than in June and the second highest on record. Net new investment was also up strongly to £206.1 million, more than five times higher than in June and the highest since April.

Net new investment jumped by 150 per cent to £1.9 billion in the first seven months of the year. July's figures include the launch of two unit trusts, the Dimensional US Smaller Companies Trust and the BWD Rensburg UK National Smaller Companies Trust. The statistics show the performance of 1,399 unit trusts, run by 162 management companies.

Wilkes jumps at half time

JAMES Wilkes, the engineering group, increased first-half pre-tax profits by 31 per cent from £2.1 million to £2.75 million for the six months to end-June. The interim dividend is being raised from 4.5p to 4.75p. Turnover climbed from £21.5 million to £29.4 million after the acquisition of Easterbrook Allcard last year. The group said that current trading was "difficult".

SM&E leaps to £765,000

SANDERSON Murray & Elder (Holdings), the Yorkshire motor dealer that has recovered sharply since diversifying from its textiles interests, has unveiled pre-tax profits leaping from £129,000 to £765,000 for the six months to end-June. First-half turnover is £27.5 million (£2.5 million). Earnings per share have risen from 5.8p to 25.3p and there is a 3p interim dividend (nil).

Macarthy stake lifted

Lloyds Chemists now speaks for more than 22 per cent of Macarthy, the pharmaceuticals group, after acquiring a further 250,000 shares in the market. This includes irrevocable undertakings from John Govett, the fund manager, to accept Lloyds' offer for 16.8 per cent of the shares.

Lloyds has offered one new share and 22p cash for each Macarthy share. Since last Friday, Lloyds' shares have fallen from 264p to 253p, valuing Macarthy at £76.4 million and the shares at 275p. Rival offers by UniChem and Grampian Holdings have valued the shares at 257p and 206.6p.

McKay net assets hit

FALLING property values have taken their toll at McKay Securities, the property development and investment group, with a 7 per cent decline in the value of its investment portfolio contributing to a 10 per cent drop in net assets per share to 263p. But pre-tax profits in the year to end-March rose 4.4 per cent to £3.8 million. A final dividend of 3.4p (3p) makes 6.4p (5.8p).

Geers Gross in talks

GEERS Gross, the quoted advertising agency, has announced talks that could lead to a full bid for the company from Publicis, the French advertising business. But the group said any offer was unlikely to be significantly more than the current share price, so shareholders were advised to take no action before further news from the board. The shares edged ahead 2p to 33p.

Rodime talks collapse

TRADING in the shares of Rodime, the Scottish computer disk drive maker, was suspended at 4p when the company announced the collapse of joint venture talks with companies in Taiwan and Korea.

The company said that it was pulling out of the manufacture of disk drives because of reduced order rates. Its Scottish and Singaporean subsidiaries are being wound up by receivers and the American operations are filing for Chapter 11 protection. Rodime plans to continue as a technology licensing company.

Receivers in at Clearmark

CLEARMARK Group, the toys and leisure company that yesterday suspended trading in its shares at 5p, has gone into receivership. The company blamed an exceptional fall in sales and forward orders and extreme creditor pressure. Clearmark, which announced losses of £3.27 million in April, had a major joint venture agreement with a Soviet football club.

Construction orders up

CONSTRUCTION, worst hit by the recession, saw orders rise a provisional 10 per cent in the second quarter, with both private and public sector housing orders up 4 per cent, government figures show. But the quarterly improvement in overall orders was distorted by a large factory order in the Southeast and privatisations; the year-on-year downtrend continued.

Builder reduces losses

By JONATHAN PRYNN

TRENCHERWOOD, the Newbury housebuilder and commercial property developer, has reduced its interim operating losses from £617,000 to £77,000 for the six months to end-April.

A change in the company's policy on the treatment of interest has left pre-tax losses at £3.5 million compared with losses of £3.8 million for the previous comperable period.

The company decided last year to write off all interest on commercial projects as incurred rather than to capitalise it, with the result that the interest bill for the first half increased from £1.3 million to £3.7 million. There is no interim dividend (0.5p).

Trencherwood said that after last year's review of asset values, which resulted in full-year losses of £29.3 million, no further write-downs were required. The shares rose 2p to 34p.

Victaulic continues to rise

By OUR CITY STAFF

HIGH spending on infrastructure by the privatised water companies has again resulted in sharply increased profits at Victaulic, the plastic pipes manufacturer.

Pre-tax profits for the six months to end-June rose 25 per cent to £6.85 million.

Group pre-tax profits have increased substantially in each reporting period since the privatisation of the water companies in 1989.

David Stewart, the managing director, said that the company would continue to benefit from the water companies' investment programmes.

Six month turnover increased 22 per cent to £57.4 million, including a debut first half-year contribution from Wask-RMF, the fittings and pipe joints company acquired from Parkfield last year.

The interim dividend is up 17.5 per cent from 4p to 4.7p.

STOCK MARKET

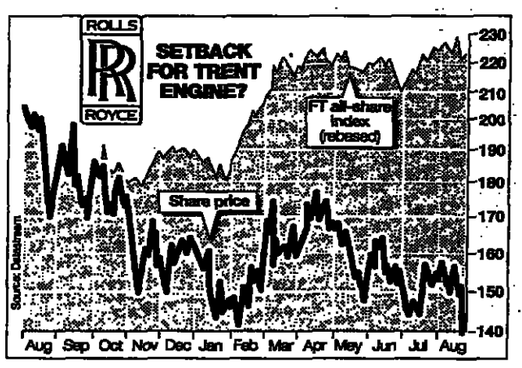
Market nearly back to square one after three frantic days

THE equity market continued to extend its rally on reports from Moscow that the junta that overthrew President Gorbachev was close to collapse after just three days. Prices have now virtually recouped the bulk of the falls they suffered on Red Monday.

The FT-SE 100 index ended just below its best of the day with a rise of 47.4 to 2,601.9, helped by a 55-point rise in the Dow Jones industrial average on Wall Street in early trading. This compares with the record of 2,621 that the index began the week. The FT index of 30 shares jumped 45.8 to 2,033.7, while the Eurotrack index of the top 100 European companies advanced 32.4 to 1,099.39. Conditions remained volatile. A total of 546 million shares changed hands. Government securities spent a lacklustre day but still managed to close with gains of £¼ at the longer end.

P&O confounded the market with the details of a £604 million rights issue, accompanied by a downturn in pre-tax profits at the halfway stage. P&O played down City claims that it intended to make a rights. The Stock Exchange has now started an enquiry into the movement in the shares, which touched 540p before closing 7p better at 563p.

The half-year figures from BICC were at the lower end of expectations, with pre-tax profits dropping from £100 million to £66 million. Marley also shed 3p to 130p on a drop in profits, while Lourho, where Sir Edward du Cann has stepped down as chairman, gained 3p to 239p. Fisons advanced 14p to 489p, helped by Hoare Govett, the broker, which recommends buying the shares. Nigel Barnes, an analyst at Hoare, has raised his forecast of pre-tax profits for Fisons by £17 million to £317 million for next year. He is keeping to his forecast of £270 million for this year, against £230.2 million last time.



Mr Barnes says his upgrade in profits is based on the prospects for Tilade and Intal, the group's anti-asthma drugs. Both of them are regarded as superior to rivals and are likely to gain a bigger share of the market. The recent strength of the dollar is also in Fisons' favour.

The dollar's robustness has also boosted other international stocks. There were gains for ICI, 17p to £12.97, Hanson, 6p to 218p, Smith-Kline Beecham A, 15p to 779p, Wellcome, 19p to 722p, Glaxo, 28p to £13.35, BOC, 21p to 579p, and Commercial Union, 11p to 517p.

British Airways rose 3p to 170p after announcing a link with General Electric of America. BA has sold its engine maintenance division to GE for £272 million as part of its restructuring programme. In addition, it has placed orders, totalling £2.2 billion, for 15 Boeing 777 aircraft and reserved 24 747-400s, worth a further £2 billion. The engines will be supplied by General Electric.

The order for the engines came as a shock to its rival, Rolls-Royce, which was seen as GE's main rival with its newly-developed Trent engine. Rolls-Royce has staked a lot on the Trent engine. Rolls-Royce complains that the City only takes a short-term view of the group. This news will only highlight analysts' scepticism about the company that has been reflected in the share price.

It will also come as a blow to American investors, who believed that Rolls-Royce stood a good chance of winning the BA contract and who now speak for 20 per cent of the shares.

Worries about heavy selling of the shares on Wall Street prompted brokers here to mark the price 11p lower at 139p.

There was selective support for the water companies, although the sector has been overshadowed recently by worries about complaints from the regulatory authority on dividend payments. Rises were seen in Northumbrian, 5p to 365p, Severn Trent, 4p to 336p, Southern, 3p to 336p, South West, 3p to 356p, Thames, 6p to 375p, and Welsh, 1p to 362p.

There were rises across the board for the electricity distributors with Eastern up 4p to 177p, East Midlands 3p to 202p, London 2p to 201p, Manweb 2p to 247p, Midlands 7p to 204p, Norweb 6p to 221p, Seeboard 6p to 205p, Southern 6p to 200p, South Wales 2p to 249p, South West 5p to 207p, and Yorkshire 6p to 235p.

The electricity package climbed £25 to £2,083.

MICHAEL CLARK

Smith New Court, the broker, says that there is no doubting the quality of Argos, 8p better at 333p, as a retailer. But it doubts whether Argos can match the earnings growth of rivals like Boots, 9p up at 436p, Dixons, 5p higher at 253p, and Kwik Save, 9p dearer at 578p. With the corporate recovery having started, Smith believes that the Argos rating is too high.

RECENT ISSUES

EQUITIES			
Aberforth Smlr (100p)	120 +1	Lowndes Lambert (280p)	312 +7
Aberforth Split (100p)	103	Manchester Utd (385p)	265 +1
Alliance Rise	20	Mirror Group (125p)	102 +1
Capital Ventures	110	Moorgate Smlr Cos (100p)	106 +3
Claremont Gmts (175p)	188 +5	Oryx Gold	256
Contra-Cyclical (100p)	107	Simpson of Comhl	49
County Smlr Inv	94	Sterling Tst	45
Culver Hldgs (4p)	8½	Tollgate	85 –5
Drayton Blue Chip (100p)	100	Trio Inv Tst (50p)	39
EFM Inc Tst (65p)	69	US Smaller	102 +1
Elcos	39		
East Germany Inv (100p)	114 +9	RIGHTS ISSUES	
Ekonbrook	66	Alan Paul N/P	¼
Eurocamp (225p)	298 –5	Beeverco N/P	1¼
Fleming Emerg Mkt	95½ +1½	Bimec Ind N/P	23 +3
Fleming Inc (100p)	108	Explasure N/P	½
Garmore Cap (100p)	108	Howden N/P	14½ +3½
Geared Inc (100p)	100 –1	Navan Res N/P	1¼
Greencore	228 +4	Pelican Gp N/P	2
Headline Book (100p)	129 +1	Try Gp N/P	4
		(Issue price in brackets).	

FTSE 100 VOLUMES

	Vol '000		Vol '000		Vol '000		Vol '000
Abbey Nat	2,103	Cadbury	1,875	Lonrho	1,391	Royal Bank	1,748
Allied-Lyons	1,899	GU	1,410	Lucas	3,089	Royal Ins	1,161
Anglian	1,105	Courtaulds	1,660	M&S	3,765	Sainsbury	2,573
ASDA	7,191	Enterprise	1,197	Maxwell Cm	513	Scot & N	832
AB Foods	1,424	Eurotunnel	1,944	MEPC	1,251	Scot Power	7,417
Argyll	8,055	Fisons	2,208	Midland	4,587	Sears	4,770
Ass Wigs	1,268	Forte	3,705	Natl Power	3,234	Severn Trnt	1,225
BAA	1,218	Gen Acc	1,724	Nat West	4,587	Shell	2,625
BET	1,299	GEC	4,733	N W Water	1,724	Smith & N	3,308
BTR	2,672	Glaxo	3,335	P&O	6,939	SK Beech	1,111
BAT	2,886	Grand Met	2,670	Pearson	298	Sun Alliance	700
Barclays	8,395	GUS 'A'	188	Pilkington	3,084	Tarmac	1,988
Bass	787	GRE	1,488	PowerGen	6,758	Tate Lyle	1,555
BICC	2,535	Guinness	2,441	Prudential	4,846	TSB	2,843
Bk Scotland	1,880	Hanson	7,817	Racal	5,154	Tesco	3,378
Blue Circle	2,676	Hawker	672	Rank	2,068	Thames Wtr	1,985
BOC	1,050	Hillsdown	5,388	R&C	1,145	Thorn EMI	1,174
Boots	2,104	ICI	1,857	Redland	648	Trafalgar	3,173
Br Aero	1,228	Inchcape	2,041	Reed	619	Ultramar	2,782
Br Airways	3,924	Kingfisher	2,800	Rentokil	693	Unilever	3,765
Br Gas	5,880	Ladbroke	2,544	Reuters	1,401	United Bis	1,516
Br Petrol	10,553	Ladbroke	3,289	RMC Gp	692	Wellcome	514
Br Steel	5,489	Land Sec	827	RTZ	1,712	Whitbrd	1,299
Br Telecom	5,081	LAG	891	R-Royce	26,800	Williams	1,382
Cable	2,333	Lloyds	2,854	Rothmn 'B'	1,431	Willis Cor	2,606

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MAJOR INDICES

New York:		General	5581.31 (+56.14)
Dow Jones	2968.69 (+55.00)*	Paris: CAC	459.26 (+6.71)
S&P Composite	386.08 (+6.83)*	Zurich: SKA Gen	531.9 (+19.2)
Tokyo:		London:	
Nikkei Average	22051.60 (+364.54)	FT—A All-Share	1246.94 (+21.36)
Hong Kong:		FT—"500"	1382.48 (+22.92)
Hang Seng	3883.68 (+15.24)	FT. Gold Mines	173.2 (–8.1)
FT-SE Euro 100	1100.53 (+33.54)	FT. Fixed interest	94.80 (same)
Amsterdam:		FT. Govt Secs	85.65 (+0.04)
CBS Tendency	91.2 (+2.0)	Bargains	27821
Sydney: AO	1535.9 (+11.5)	SEAQ Volume	546.2m
Frankfurt: DAX	1570.82 (+43.89)	USM (Datastream)	123.97 (+0.60)
Brussels:		*Denotes latest trading price	

McKAY SECURITIES PLC

PRELIMINARY ANNOUNCEMENT (ABRIDGED)

Group Results for the year ended 31st March 1991

	1991 £'000	1990 £'000
Gross Rents	8,619	6,255
Profit Before Tax	3,811	3,649
Profit After Tax	2,728	2,460
Earnings Per Share	10.0p	9.1p

Directors recommend a final dividend of 3.4p per share making a total for the year of 6.4p (1990-5.8p) - an increase of 10.3%.

A Directors' valuation of the Group's UK properties carried out as at 31st March 1991, showed a reduction of £8.671m. This reduction has been charged to Revaluation Reserve and as a result Net Asset Value has fallen to 263p (1990-292p).

Annual General Meeting to be held at 20 Parkside, Knightsbridge, London SW1 on 15th October, at 12 noon.

The Report and Financial Statements will be posted to Shareholders on 20th September 1991 with copies available from 20 Greyfriars Road, Reading, RG1 1NL from the same date.

The preliminary figures for the company's financial year ended 31st March 1991 together with the corresponding amounts for that ended 31st March 1990 are not the company's statutory accounts for those financial years. Statutory accounts for the financial year ended 31st March 1990 have been delivered to the registrar of companies, whereas those for the financial year ended 31st March 1991 will be delivered to the registrar of companies following the company's next annual general meeting. The auditors have reported on the statutory accounts for the year ended 31st March 1990; that report was unqualified and did not contain a statement under section 237(2) or (3) of the Companies Act 1985. The preliminary figures for the year ended 31st March 1991 are subject to final audit.

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High hopes for Soviet economy

On Tuesday the economic prospects for eastern Europe never looked gloomier. Yesterday they never looked better. Thus is the nature of confused politics in a confused region.

Some of the confusion will remain, and there will be setbacks. The hardliners might have lost their battle, but the military apparatus may still need to be dismantled before economic reform can succeed. In retrospect, the attempted coup has probably done the Soviet Union and the whole of Europe an unintended service. On Tuesday, our attention turned to the waning prospects for the reforming economies of eastern Europe, which would have suffered the brunt of the western response to the soviet coup either indirectly through sanctions against the Soviet Union, through the anticipated collapse in Soviet trade, and more generally, through western reluctance to invest in the region. The faint-hearted had already issued warnings against increased east European risks, even for Poland, Hungary and Czechoslovakia.

The European Community held out the hope to the countries of eastern Europe for increased aid and associated EC membership as a form of compensation.

What makes the present Soviet scenario look so hopeful is the evidence that democracy is now not only espoused by a small group of intellectuals, but evidently and visably has the support of the people, who took to the streets to defend their rights.

Western politicians will now need to rewrite their policy documents. The correct EC response on Tuesday, to impose economic sanctions, will need to adjust swiftly to the new situation, not through a policy of blank checks, but through a step-by-step plan of aid and assistance in return of progress in economic reform. There is presently no better way to achieve this goal than the one outlined in the Yavlinsky-Harvard plan, formulated by a group of eminent

COMMENT

Soviet and American economists, who urged substantive but gradual western assistence in return for definite steps of economic reform.

It was, of course, wrong to argue that the western reluctance to provide President Gorbachev with an extensive aid package at the London summit last month was responsible for the events this week. The main momentum of economic reform, in any country, must come from within a country to be credible and sustainable. On these grounds, there were justifiable doubts. Yesterday's events are a momentous first step in this direction but need to be followed by further concrete moves towards reform. Economic stabilisation measures, continuation of price reform, the imposition of tight money supply and wage controls, gradual moves towards currency convertibility and the privatisation of land and assets, all form part of this process.So of course does decentralisation of power, whatever form that may eventually take.

The most important short-term measures would involve a stabilisation programme under the auspices of the International Monetary Fund, to help the country remain afloat, and to repay debts. In the short-to-medium term technical assistance measures are needed to help the country build a proper market infrastructure. The latter would involve numerous institutions and organisations, among them the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development.

On Tuesday, the bank's president, Jacques Attali, condemned the "outrageous violation of human rights", and decided to propose to the EBRD's directors to suspend all aid for the Soviet Union. After the situation changed, more than a mere reversal of this policy is now called for, because under the bank's existing treaty, aid and assistance to the Soviet Union is severely limited anyway.

Before this week's events M Attali fought hard to lift a ceiling which which limits the EBRD's exposure to the Soviet Union to the country's 6 per cent stake in the bank. The proposal met with some resistance from the Americans, although the Europeans, including Germany, can now be expected to exploit this window of opportunity to rally behind M Attali's request. In the short and medium term, the EBRD will not run out of capital anyway, and if the price is a refinancing at some distant stage in the future, then so be it.

The European Community will probably re-instate its programmes of credit guarantees and technical assistance for the Soviet Union, and should certainly not go back on its pledges for closer co-operation with eastern Europe made on Tuesday.

Tiny's role

Tiny Rowland, the redoubtable chief of Lonrho, yesterday became executive chairman after Sir Edward du Cann, the non-executive chairman, stepped down. Ten days ago, Mr Rowland was appointed deputy chairman, and he is chief executive and managing director anyway.

Such a concentration of power is likely to raise institutional eyebrows. Indeed, what happens if Tiny decided to take a well earned rest? The top four people all depart at once. No one doubts Mr Rowland's ability to do the jobs — some would say he has been doing them anyway — but for the sake of a smooth transition, now is the time to appoint his successor.

Exel starts on the long haul to making Soviet business pay

THE events of the past 72 hours should have improved prospects for western investment in the Soviet Union. Faster moves to democracy will bring the speedier economic reforms necessary to enable western companies and techniques to be effective in improving the living standards of the Soviet people.

Although British businessmen have been wary of investing substantially in the USSR, many have completed considerable research. Circumstances in the USSR remain unhelpful to profitable investment by western companies. But the creation of a £50 million British know-how fund, to finance the transfer of the technology to help modernise key areas of the economy, enabled companies to become involved in creating an environment in which they may be able to prosper.

Exel Logistics, the distribution group, has drawn up a strategy that involves flying 2,000 Soviet managers to Britain for two-week courses in western supermarket supply techniques. Provisional approval for a £200,000 grant from the fund for the first phase had been received by Exel before the fund was suspended this week.

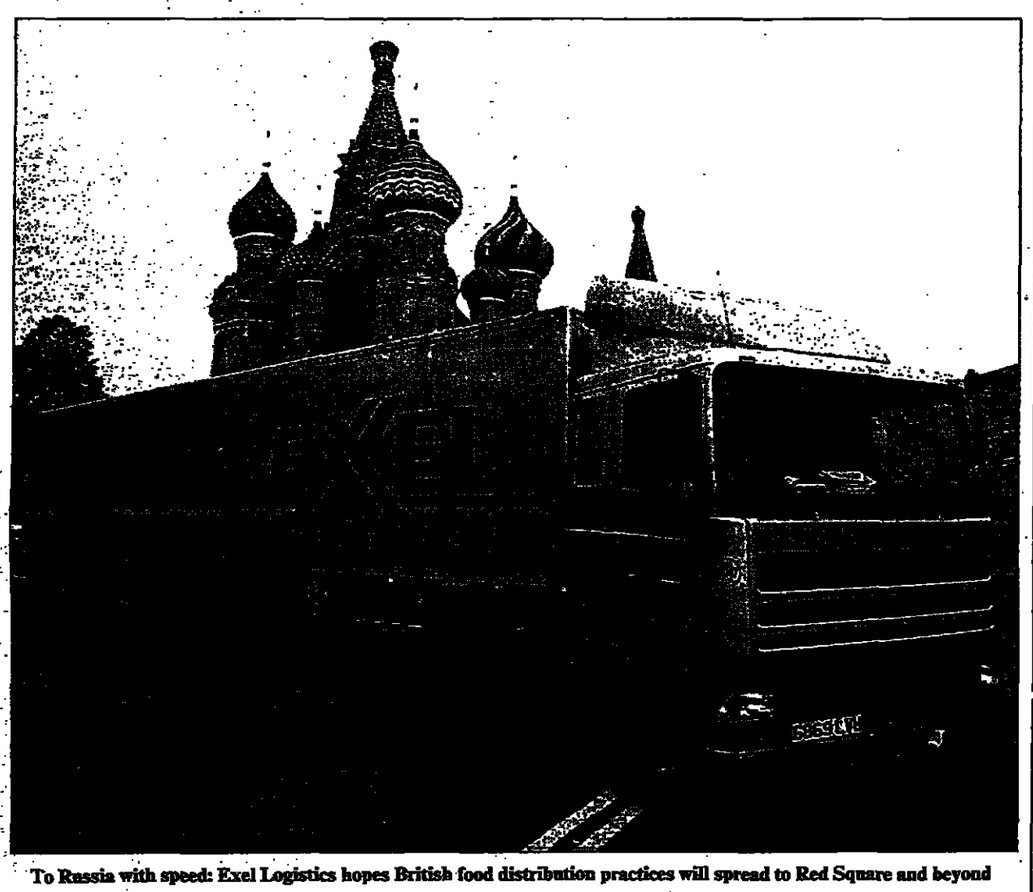
Details of the project illustrate the scale of reforms required to improve the efficiency of the Soviet economy and individual enterprises.

The know-how fund, increased from £30 million over two years to £50 million over three years after President Gorbachev's visit to London for the G7 summit, is intended to transfer British expertise in the key areas of food distribution, small business development, energy and financial services.

Soviet researchers concluded two years ago that Britain had the most advanced food distribution system in the world. Exel, part of the NFC transport group, formed close links with the transport ministry of Boris Yeltsin's Russian Federation, comprising 145 million people or half the Soviet population.

The Russians were attracted by the corporate culture of NFC, bought by employees from the government eight years ago, as well as by its skills.

Road transport in the federation is run by 45 associations. Mosoblavtotrans, the association covering the Moscow area, supervises 50 enterprises, employing a total 13,000 workers. One, the Peoples' Enterprise of Znamenskoie, at Krasnagorsk on the outskirts of the capital, has become the first haulage operation in the USSR to be privatised. The managing director undertook the buyout after reading western management books.



To Russia with speed: Exel Logistics hopes British food distribution practices will spread to Red Sqnare and beyond

Znamenskoie has been selected by Exel as a potential demonstration project for British techniques. A team of 14, led by George Hazle, managing director of Exel, is scheduled to visit in October. The team is to select the first 45 Russian managers for training in Britain and develop plans for NFC to build a modern distribution centre with Znamenskoie.

Although the know-how fund remains suspended, Mr Hazle is pressing ahead with plans for both the visit and the training initiative, in the hope that the fund will be restored.

The focus of any modern British supermarket logistics operation is the warehouse. The range stocked by a retailer is received from sources around the world and held in seven different climatically controlled areas. Goods ordered overnight by each supermarket are delivered the next day by truck, with compartments at three different temperatures. Similar operations service other retailers and manufacturers.

In Britain, Exel provides storage and distribution services to J Sainsbury, Marks and Spencer and Unilever, for example. It is this rapid, efficient, waste-free delivery system that Exel hopes to replicate at Znamenskoie.

By setting up a demonstration project, and training managers from associations throughout the republic, Exel believes British practices will spread rapidly, to end the chronic shortages and waste that result from Soviet distribution methods.

Improvements are sorely needed. Mr Hazle said: "They still wrap fish in straw, put it in a truck with three drivers, and go flat out from Vladivostok, on the Sea of Japan, to Moscow."

The size of the Soviet Union, and the poverty of its road system, will compel Soviet managers to adapt British practices to available resources. The USSR has ten times the land area of Europe, yet no more kilometres of road than France.

Initially, Exel has little prospect of making a profit on its efforts. But Mr Hazle and his colleagues have a global vision. "We are already the market leader in our business in Britain and the US, and we are spreading into continental Europe," Mr Hazle said. "Japan will be next. As part of our global ambitions, we recognise that we have to be in Russia. The Soviet Union is a colossal market."

ROSS TIEMAN
Industrial Correspondent

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TEMPUS

BICC is stung by overseas divisions

BICC can be thankful the sting was taken out of its own poorer interim results released in London yesterday by the earlier alert that its Australian subsidiary had performed badly, which sent the shares down 11p to 430p.

London, having learned overnight on Tuesday that BICC's 61.6 per cent-owned Metal Manufacturers had passed its dividend after a severe profits setback, absorbed without too many gulps BICC's results for the half year to June 29: pre-tax profits fell from £100 million to £66 million.

After wavering, BICC shares closed 3p higher at 433p, helped by assertions that the economy in Australasia had possibly reached bottom, and by signs that North America is moving out of recession.

It was, after all, the setback within BICC's North American and Australasian operations (down at the operating level from £41 million to £10 million) that saw group operating profit fall from £118 million to £78 million.

BICC has, however, recently won several big contracts, which should ensure the medium-term work load. Rationalisation charges of £7 million, taken against interim profits, should pay off in the short term. Profits within BICC Cables have held up well, and the interim dividend is easily held at 6p out of net earnings of 14.1p (21.8p).

Earlier full-year forecasts of £160 million (£183 million in 1990) were revised to £140 million yesterday, though it is too early to determine what pace of profits recovery there might be in 1992. But BICC will be quick when the recovery gathers pace, and on 14.4 times prospective earnings, the shares should still prove a rewarding medium-term hold.

Marley

A DROP of two-thirds in United Kingdom operating profits hardly smacks of a company poised to lead the building industry out of recession. But there is an increasingly convincing case that Marley, the building materials and automotive components group, is about to do just that. However, before anyone becomes too excited, it should be pointed out that a number of investors are already banking on the company doing that.

Marley's shares, at 130p, currently enjoy a price/earnings multiple of more than 25. The grounds for such optimism lie in the annual savings of £20 million that George Russell, the chairman, and his team have succeeded in wresting from the company's budgets, including the loss of 1,000 jobs. This cost saving, combined with the prudent running down of stock levels, has left the company primed for recovery.

The medicine already seems to working in that United Kingdom operating profits of £4.1 million are a significant improvement on the second half of 1990, even if they are 67 per cent lower than a year ago. Group pre-tax profits of £9.3 million for the six months to June are also up on the second half, with an improved contribution from overseas businesses helping to reverse the normal seasonal pattern of group profits.

Gearing is little changed from the 50 per cent at the end of 1990, although the strong dollar has temporarily lifted borrowings to £125 million. Marley made profits of more than £70 million in 1989. This year, it is expected to make £20 million-£23 million. The shares have already anticipated much of the upside.

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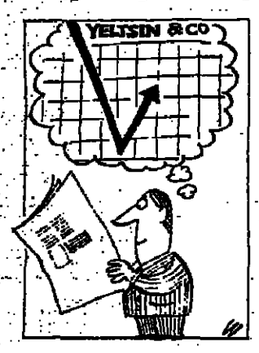
THE TIMES CITY DIARY

Embarrassing moment

JULIAN Levy, a 26-year-old corporate financier at Chartered West LB, the merchant bank, will be burying his head under his newspaper when he heads home on the tube tomorrow evening. For he will be anxious to avoid a repetition of an incident that happened exactly a fortnight ago. Travelling on a crowded train, he noticed two Irishmen behaving suspiciously, clutching rolled up donkey jackets. Convinced that they were concealing guns, he slipped out of the compartment and alerted the guard. After a 20 minute wait, with the Central Line closed throughout, an armed police squad arrived, burst into the train and arrested the Irishmen he had identified. They were subsequently discovered to be carrying not guns but...plain old donkey jackets. Levy, whose father is a rabbi, was, however, oblivious to the fact that his most embarrassing moment was yet to come. As he sat in the back of a police van, "helping police with their enquiries", his portable telephone rang. Much to the amusement of the boys in blue, it was his mother, demanding to know where he was and summoning him home for dinner.

Going potty

WHETHER it is because of or in spite of the recession no one is quite clear, but one of Britain's oldest aristocratic families is going potty — literally. Earl Grey, aged 52 — of Earl Grey tea-fame — and his second wife, Stephanie, are going into the tea pot business. The Countess, a potter in her own right, plans to produce individually designed, limited edition tea pots, each signed by her and her husband. The couple, who live in Devon, will produce the pots in a shed at the bottom of their garden and hope to begin marketing



them in the autumn, concentrating on the American market. That is probably just as well, given the rising tide of unemployment in Britain, for the Earl, a cousin of the Barings Bank family, expects to be able to sell them for between £90 and £500 each.

Changed days

HOW times have changed. Tony France, aged 62, who retires next week as appointments editor at the *Financial Times*, recalls the time in the early Eighties when the news editor handed him details of an announcement and said it must go in the appointments column. "It was the retirement of the head printer's Express Dairy milkman," says France. "It did look extremely odd in the column, but no one passed any comment. It shows the need then to pacify the unions — it certainly wouldn't happen now."

Global outlook

A JAPANESE American, who lets off steam by skiing in Switzerland every year, is to be the new head of European equity trading at Merrill Lynch. Ann Mills, aged 27, who has spent four years with Morgan Stanley, two of them in London, joins Merrill in October. Mills has spent much of her life travelling the world, including spells in Japan, Europe and America.

THE British ex-patriot business comminity in Moscow is wasting no time in dismissing the coup there. Wits among them are already insisting that it was not really a coup at all — merely a cuckoo.

CAROL LEONARD

Ultramar in gas field swap

ULTRAMAR, the diversified oil and gas group, is swapping its 21.25 per cent interest in the Franklin field in the North Sea for Elf's 54.5 per cent stake in Markham West and £45 million cash.

The company already has an interest of 35 per cent in Markham, which straddles the UK/Netherlands median line. Reserves are estimated at 700 billion cubic feet of gas and production is expected to begin in October 1992, supplying the first British gas to be sold to continental Europe.

Ultramar estimates the net cash benefit of the Elf swap will be about £120 million over five years through higher output and the elimination of expenditure on Franklin.

Scicon reshuffle

John Jackson will stay on as non-executive chairman of SD-Scicon until the completion of the £162.4 million takeover by EDS, a subsidiary of General Motors, but Philip Swinstead, the founder and chief executive, has resigned. The new chief executive is John Bateman, who has been responsible for EDS's European technical operations.

Unilever sells

Unilever, the food to household products group, is selling the shoe-care business of its Swiss industrial cleaner, Lever Sutter, to Salamander, the German shoe company, for an undisclosed sum, effective from January 1992.

Wheway issue

Wheway, the engineer, has seen a lukewarm response to its £16.5 million one-for-one rights issue, with 55.4 per cent of the shares on offer taken up. The rights was at 25p, against 28p yesterday, and was accompanied by news of interim pre-tax profits down to £1.4 million from £3.5 million and a £9.9 million write-down.

Nissan plan

Nissan aims to increase its share of the British car market to 9 or 10 per cent from 4 per cent next year, a spokeswoman said. It would take five years or more to reach this target, with a total of 400 to 450 dealerships. It has 150 and plans to boost this to 250 by August 1992.

Japanese brokers suffer profits slump in Europe

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JAPAN'S big stockbroking houses suffered heavy profit falls in the year to end-March, but have continued to expand operations in Europe.

Nomura, Daiwa and Yamaichi have published poor annual figures for their European subsidiaries, due to the closure of the Japanese equity warrant market for most of last year.

Nomura International, the London subsidiary of the world's largest stockbroker, suffered a 70 per cent fall in pre-tax profits to £29.4 million. Profits at Daiwa Europe, its main rival, plunged 75 per cent to £14.5 million. At Yamaichi International, pre-tax profits slumped 74 per cent to £4.93 million. The similarity of the results masks wide differences in the returns the firms expect from their European subsidiaries.


Fujimoto: well positioned

Nomura increased its dividend to its Japanese parent last year by £8 million to £18 million and is planning a further £5.7 million payment this year. Daiwa, however, is cutting its dividend 54 per cent to £910,000.

The London offices of the Japanese stockbrokers have relied on equity warrant trading for a large part of their profits. This market collapsed last year after the slump of the Tokyo stock market, and was closed until last November.

In spite of the setback, the securities houses have continued to build their presence in London. Nomura moved into new offices near St Paul's Cathedral. Daiwa opened Strategic Advisors, its merger and acquisition subsidiary, which broke into profits during its inaugural year. The houses also turned their attention to business opportunities in eastern Europe.

Daiwa lead-managed a $200 million eurobond issue for Hungary's state department, and advised on the privatisation of Salgglas, the country's glass maker.

Katsuhiko Fujimoto, Daiwa Europe's chairman, said his company's results were strong in spite of the difficulties. "We are well positioned to respond to future challenges," he said.

The growing presence of the Japanese securities houses in London can be seen by the expansion of their assets during the year. Nomura's grew 34 per cent to £6.38 billion, while Daiwa's increased 36 per cent to £4.57 billion.

LONDON TRADED OPTIONS

	Sedex	Calls Oct	Calls Jan	Calls Apr	Puts Oct	Puts Jan	Puts Apr
Allid Lyons (*583)	580	95	102	116	2	5	7½
	550	51	64	80	7½	15	20
	600	20	35	52	28	37	42
ASDA (*91)	80	15	18	19	2	3½	5
	90	8	11½	13	5	7	8½
	100	3	6½	8	12	13	15
Bass (*924)	880	67	–	–	12	–	–
	929	36	–	–	30	–	–
	977	17	–	–	62	–	–
Boots (*437)	360	82	87	–	1	2½	–
	390	54	60	73	2	6	8
	420	28	38	52	7	13	15
Br Airways (*170)	160	17	21	25	4½	8½	12
	180	6	11	17	16	19	22
	200	2	6	9	32	33	36
BP (*339)	300	40	53	56	1¼	3½	5
	330	22	29	35	5½	9½	12
	360	6½	12	17½	21	24	26
Br Steel (*124)	110	17	19	21	1	2½	4
	120	9	12	14	4	7	8½
	130	4½	7	10	9	12	14
C & W (*578)	500	89	102	–	1½	6	–
	550	46	65	80	10	18	22
	600	18	36	52	35	42	45
CU (*517)	460	68	83	–	2½	5½	–
	500	36	53	60	9½	15	21
	550	10	25	34	37	40	46
Courtauld (*473)	390	88	95	106	2	5	6½
	420	60	70	82	3½	8½	12
	460	29	41	54	14	19	21
GKN (*368)	330	48	60	64	3	7	13
	360	28	40	44	11	16	24
	390	9	24	28	26	30	40
Grand Met. (*810)	750	79	99	110	7	16	22
	800	42	65	79	20	33	40
	850	18	40	55	49	61	65
ICI (*1296)	1250	95	137	158	23	37	57
	1300	65	107	128	43	57	77
	1350	40	84	97	70	84	105
Kingfisher (*574)	500	82	98	110	2½	8	12
	550	42	61	77	13	22	26
	600	17	33	50	40	45	49
Ladbroke (*272)	240	34	39	44	3	6½	10
	260	18	26	31	5½	14	18
	280	8½	16	22	21	25	28
Land Sec (*511)	460	59	65	77	2	6	8
	500	26	37	49	9	18	21
	550	5	15	26	45	47	52
M & S (*284)	260	31	37	44	2½	5	7
	280	16	23	31	7	12	14
	300	7	14	21	18	22	24
Sainsbury (*361)	326	40	48	–	2½	5	–
	356	17	28	–	10	15	–
	386	5½	13	–	30	33	–
Shell (*528)	460	75	80	85	2	4	7
	500	38	52	55	8	11	19
	550	7½	22	27	35	38	44
Smkl Beech (*778)	750	57	80	99	13	22	28
	800	27	49	70	35	43	48
	850	11	29	47	72	75	77

	Sedex	Calls Oct	Calls Jan	Calls Apr	Puts Oct	Puts Jan	Puts Apr
Storehse (*109)	100	13	16	18	2½	5½	7
	110	6½	9½	13	7	10	11½
	120	3	5½	8	14	17	18
Trafalgar (*240)	211	36	39	–	4	10	–
	231	21	26	–	10	18	–
	251	9	15	–	20	30	–
Ultramar (*269)	240	33	40	43	3½	6	9
	260	15	27	30	9	12	17½
	280	8	16½	20½	21	23	28
Unilever (*754)	650	115	–	–	2	–	–
	700	70	87	–	6	11	–
	750	34	55	70	19	27	33
	800	12	30	43	52	55	60
Utd Biscs (*392)	360	36	43	50	4	8½	13
	390	14	25	31	16	21	26
	420	4	12	17	38	41	46

	Sedex	Calls Aug	Calls Nov	Calls Feb	Puts Aug	Puts Nov	Puts Feb
	240	2	17	23	16	23	30
RTZ (*596)	550	50	59	77	1	10	16
	600	5½	27	44	13	32	36
	650	1	9	24	60	66	69
Scot New (*412)	360	55	65	70	1½	3	6
	390	25	40	49	2	8	14
	420	3½	22	32	11	20	27
Tesco (*271)	253	20	–	–	1	–	–
	280	1½	10½	19	12	17	19
	300	1	5	11	30	32	33
Thames W. (*375)	350	30	40	48	7	4	8
	370	10	24	32	3	9	14
	400	1	9	16	25	27	30
Lucas (*158)	140	22	25	27	1	5	6
	160	4	11	15	5	13	16
	180	1	4	–	22	26	–

	Sedex	Calls Oct	Calls Jan	Calls Apr	Puts Oct	Puts Jan	Puts Apr
Finsec (*489)	468	43	57	69	6	13	16
	500	18	33	43	21	29	33
	550	5	14	24	62	62	64

	Sedex	Calls Dec	Calls Mar	Calls Sep	Puts Dec	Puts Mar
Abbey Nat. (*297)	260	40	49	55	1	3	5
	280	22	33	40	3	6½	9½
	300	10	20	27	10	14	18
Amstrad (*54)	45	9½	11½	13½	1½	3½	4½
	50	5½	8½	10½	3	5½	7
	60	2	4	6	8	11	12
Barclays (*462)	420	54	68	78	1¼	5½	11
	460	20	40	51	10	17	24
	500	5	19	31	36	40	45
Blue Circ (*263)	240	24	32	40	3½	8	10
	260	9	19	29	11	17	20
	280	2½	9½	19	25	30	31
Br Gas (*263)	220	47	53	56	1	1½	2½
	240	27	35	39	1¼	3	5½
	260	11½	20	25	5	8½	11½
	280	3½	10	14¼	19	20	22
Dixons (*252)	220	36	43	49	1	5	7
	240	18	29	36	5½	11	12
	260	7½	18	26	15	19	22
Eurotunnel (*463)	420	53	65	85	8	20	25
	460	30	45	60	23	30	45
	500	7	30	43	55	60	70
Ferns (*276)	240	39	41	47	1	3	5
	260	19	27	35	2½	7	9
	280	7	14	23	11	16	18
Glaxo (*1337)	1250	104	140	174	13	30	43
	1300	64	107	142	29	48	60
	1350	32	80	114	54	70	84
Hanson (*585)	500	93	100	110	1	7	11
	550	48	60	75	6	18	25
	600	18	32	50	26	42	47
Hillsdown (*243)	200	41	46	51	1	2½	3½
	220	23	30	37	2	6	8
	240	9	19	24	8½	14	17

	Sedex	Calls Sep	Calls Dec	Calls Mar	Puts Sep	Puts Dec	Puts Mar
Londo (*239)	260	2	8½	–	23	26	–
	220	23	31	34	2	5½	11
	240	8½	18	22	8½	13	20
Midland (*249)	260	2½	5½	13	24	26	33
	220	38	49	56	2	5½	8
	240	21	35	42	5½	11	15
	260	9	23	31	13	19	24
Reuter (*846)	700	161	182	198	2½	7	14
	750	113	139	158	5	15	24
	800	70	100	128	14	28	42
	850	37	72	98	30	50	62
R-Royce (*139)	140	5	10	13	8	12	15
	160	1½	4	6	27	27	30
	180	1	1½	–	46	46	–
Sears (*85)	70	17	18	20	1	1½	2
	80	8	10	13	2	3½	5
	90	3	5	8	7	9	10
Thorn EMI (*785)	650	145	155	160	1	7	9
	700	94	110	118	1½	9	12
	750	47	68	82	8	18	26
	800	17	39	52	27	40	45
TSB (*149)	130	21	25½	27½	1	2	3
	140	12	17½	20	2	4	6
	160	2	7	9½	13	14½	16
Wellcome (*718)	650	72	90	112	5½	18	25
	700	34	57	78	19	32	43
	750	13	35	57	50	62	67

	Sedex	Calls Nov	Calls Feb	Calls Aug	Puts Nov	Puts Feb
Eastn Elec (*176)	160	18	25	29	1	3	6
	180	2	11½	17	7	11	15
	200	1	4½	7½	25	26	29

	Sedex	Calls Dec	Calls Mar	Puts Sep	Puts Dec	Puts Mar
Nat Power (*152)	130	24	28	30	2½	3	4½
	140	15	19	21	3	4½	7
	160	2	8½	11	12	13	15
Scot Power (*105)	100	5	7	–	1	1½	–
	100	8½	12½	–	2½	4½	–
	110	2½	7	–	7	9½	–

FT-SE INDEX (*£2600)

	2450	2500	2550	2600	2650	2700
Calls						
Aug	136	114	68	28	10	4
Sep	187	139	99	70	42	23
Oct	176	158	127	89	67	45
Nov	179	142	127	97	61	43
Dec	–	203	–	135	–	80
Puts						
Aug	3	4	10	24	55	114
Sep	18	18	28	47	77	138
Oct	25	40	40	61	100	161
Nov	41	46	74	77	100	143
Dec	–	49	–	92	–	168

August 21, 1991 Total: 31757 Calls 22253 Puts 9504 FT-SE: Calls 6749 Puts 4308
*Underlying security price.

WORLD MARKETS

	Aug 21 midday	Aug 20 close
Abbott Lab	53⅞	53
Aetna Life	37	36⅝
Alexander	19⅝	19
Air Prods	65⅝	64⅝
Albertsons	41⅞	41
Alcan Al	18⅝	18¾
Alco Stand	32⅝	32⅞
Allied Signal	57⅜	57⅛
Alumin OA	95⅜	94⅞
Am Brands	43⅝	42⅝
Am Cyanmid	62⅝	60¾
Am EPC	25⅜	25⅞
Am General	39⅝	38¾
Am Home	61⅛	60⅜
Am Intl	63⅜	62⅝
Am Stores	40⅝	39⅝
Amax	20⅝	20
Amer Brnds	57	57¼
Amer Hess	58⅝	59⅜
Ameritech	28	25⅝
Amex	60⅜	61¼
Amoco	51⅛	50⅞
AMP	58⅛	58⅜
ANR	51⅛	51¼
Anheuser-B	91	90⅞
Apple Comp	24	22⅞
Archer-Dan	16⅛	15⅝
Arkla	4⅜	4¼
Armco	31⅛	31
Armstrong	24⅛	23⅞
Asarco	29⅜	28⅝
Ashland Oil	38¾	38⅝
AT&T	113⅜	116⅛
Atlan Richfld	92	91⅜
Auto DP	22⅝	21⅞
Avery Denn	46⅜	46¾
Avon Prod	30⅝	30⅜
Baltimore	43⅜	44⅜
Banc One	42⅝	42⅝
Bankamerica	22⅜	22⅝
Bard	34⅜	33⅞
Barnes Bk	45⅝	44⅜
Bausch Lmb	34⅜	34⅛
Baxter Int	68⅝	68⅞
Bec Dickin	48⅜	48⅜
Bell Atlan	47¼	47⅝
Bellsouth	24⅜	23⅞
Bir Hughes	16⅜	15⅞
Black Decker	56⅜	55⅝
Block	43⅞	43⅝
Boise Tst NY	47⅝	48
Boeing	25	25⅛
Bolse Casc	89⅝	89⅜
Borden	85⅝	85⅝
Brist-Myer	28⅛	28⅛
Browng-Fer	30⅞	29⅝
Burl Nth	9	8⅞
CBI	81	80⅝
Campbell Sp	437	431
Cap Cities	48⅝	48⅝
Capital HC	45⅝	46⅜
Carolina	25⅝	25⅝
Caterpillar	160⅛	158
Central SW	25⅝	25⅜
Champion	20⅝	20⅜
Chase Man	43⅞	43⅝
Chem Bnkg	27⅜	26⅝
Chevron	69⅝	70
Chrysler	11⅜	11⅛
Chubb	64⅛	64⅜
Cigna	42⅞	42⅝
Cinnati	50⅝	50⅜
Citicrp	15	14⅞
Citicrp Lfc	45⅜	46⅛
Clorox	40	39⅝
Cmnith Edis	38⅛	38⅜
CNA Finci	81	79⅝
Coastal	30⅛	29⅝
Coca-Cola	84⅜	83⅝
Colgate-Pal	89⅜	88⅝
Colmb Gas	16⅝	16⅝
Comdisco	38⅛	38⅜
Conagra	45⅜	45⅜
Cons Edis	25⅝	25⅞
Cons NG	39	38⅝
Cons Rail	68	67⅜
Cooper Ind	62⅜	61⅞
Corning	65⅝	64¾
CPC Intl	69⅝	69⅝
Crown Cork	53⅝	53⅝
CSX	48⅜	47⅞
Dana	28⅜	28⅝
Dayton-Hud	74⅝	71⅞
Deere	48	47
Delta Air	84⅜	82⅝
Deluxe	44⅜	44⅜
Detroit Edi	29⅜	29⅝
Digital Eq	99⅜	99⅝
Dillard	125⅝	126
Disney	115	112⅝
Dom Res	51⅝	52⅛
Donnelley	45⅜	44⅝
Dover	36⅛	35⅝
Dow Chem	51	50⅜
Dow Jones	25⅝	25⅞
Dresser Ind	20⅞	20
Du Pont	47⅞	46⅝
Duke Pwr	30⅛	29⅝
Dun Bradst	44⅛	43⅞
East Kodak	42⅝	42
Eaton	63	61⅛
Emerson El	47	46⅝

	Aug 21 midday	Aug 20 close
Enron	31⅛	30⅝
Entergy	29⅝	29⅛
Ethyl	23⅝	23
Exxon	57⅜	57⅝
Fed NMA	59⅝	58⅝
Fedrt Exprs	38⅞	38⅝
Fst Nortstr	24⅛	23⅝
Fst Wachov	41⅛	39⅝
Fluor	46⅝	46¾
FMC	94⅞	93⅝
Ford Motor	32⅝	33⅜
FPL	27	26⅝
Fst Chicago	35⅛	34⅜
Fst Interstate	35⅝	35⅝
Fst Union	44⅛	44⅛
Gannett	45	45
GAP	42¼	39⅝
Gen Cinema	21	20⅝
Gen Elec	72	70⅜
Gen Mills	80⅝	80⅝
Gen Motors	35⅞	35⅝
Gen RE	87⅞	87⅞
Gen Signal	41⅜	41¼
Genuine Pts	40⅝	40⅜
Georgia-Pac	53⅛	52
Gillette	47⅜	46⅝
Goodrich	41¼	41⅜
Goodyear	36⅛	34⅝
Grace	36⅝	35⅝
Greyhound	24⅝	24⅝
Gt Atlantic	40⅜	39⅝
Gt Western	20¾	19⅝
GTE	39	38⅝
Halliburtn	38	37⅛
Heinz	43⅝	45
Hercules	40⅞	40⅜
Hershey Fd	47⅜	46⅝
Hewlett Pkd	51⅛	49⅜
Hilton Hld	39⅝	39
Homestake	51⅝	49⅜
Horne Depot	15⅝	16
Homestake	8	8⅜
Honeywell	56	54
Houston Ind	37⅞	37
Howtld Intl	55¼	54⅜
Humana	32	32
IBM	94⅛	95⅛
IFSF	82⅝	81⅜
Illinois TW	59⅝	59⅝
Inco	34	34⅜
Ingsol-Rand	45⅝	44⅜
Inland Steel	21¼	21
Intel	49⅜	47⅞
Intl Paper	66⅝	64⅝
ITT	58	57⅝
James River	21	21¼
Johnsn Johsn	68⅝	67⅜
K Mart	43⅝	42⅝
Kellogg	104⅜	104⅜
Kerr-McGee	41⅝	41⅞
Kimbly-Clrk	82⅛	81⅛
Knight-Ridr	53⅝	53⅝
Lilly	89⅝	88⅝
Limited	27⅞	28⅜
Lin Bridcstg	70⅞	68⅞
Lincln Nat	48	48
Litton Ind	86⅝	85⅞
Lockheed	44⅛	45⅜
Louis-Pac	41⅞	40⅝
Manu Hano	30⅝	30
Marriott	17⅞	18⅛
Marsh McLen	78⅜	78⅝
Martin Mar	37⅝	38⅛
Masco	22⅞	22⅝
May Dept	57⅝	58⅜
Maytag	14⅞	14⅛
McDnl Doug	53⅜	55⅛
McDonald's	31⅞	31
McGraw-Hill	29⅝	29⅝
MCI Comm	29⅞	28⅝
Mead	31⅜	30⅝
Medtronic	122⅜	121⅞
Merck	78⅝	78⅝
Meridn Bk	24	23⅞
Mellon Bk	45⅝	45⅝
Merrill Lynch	41⅞	40⅝
Minnesota	85⅝	84⅛
Mobil	66⅝	67
Monsanto	72⅞	70⅝
Morgan JP	54⅝	53⅝
Motorola	66⅜	64⅝
Nat Medical	48	45⅝
Nat Semi	5⅝	6⅛
Nat Service	23⅝	23⅜
Navistar	8	8⅛
NCNB	37⅝	37⅞
NCR	108⅜	107⅜
NED Bncp	41⅞	41⅛
Newmont Min	36	36⅜
Nlagr Mowk	18	18⅝
NL Inds	15⅞	15⅝
Nordstrom	49⅝	48
Norflk Sthn	49⅝	48⅝
Northern	32⅝	32⅝
Nthn St Pwr	37⅞	38⅜
Nthn Telcm	28	27⅞
NY Times	21⅞	21⅝
Nynex	73⅝	73⅜
Occid Petr	23⅝	24
Ohio Ed	19⅛	18⅞
Oracle Sys	9⅞	9⅝

	Aug 21 midday	Aug 20 close
Oryx Energy	32	32¼
Pac Enl	28⅝	28⅝
Pac Gas Elec	27¾	27⅝
Pac Telesis	41⅜	40⅝
Pacific	43	42⅜
Pacificrp	22⅝	21⅝
Pan	38⅜	37⅝
Paramount	37⅜	37
Parker-Hanfn	38⅝	38⅛
Penney	53⅝	51⅞
Pennzoil	69⅛	67
Pepsico	52⅝	51⅜
Pfizer	85⅝	83⅝
Phelps Pat	45⅞	44⅝
Philips Elec	21	20⅝
Phil Morris	72⅝	73⅛
Phips Dodge	68	66
Pitney Bow	58⅞	58⅜
Placer Dm	12⅜	12⅝
PNC Fncl	41⅛	40⅜
Polaroid	15⅝	15⅝
PPG Inds	52⅝	51⅝
Procr Gmble	81⅜	80⅞
Pruhs	81⅞	80⅝
Primerica	33⅝	32⅝
Pub Service	28⅛	27⅝
Quaker Oats	59⅝	58⅝
Raiscrn Pur	51⅝	50⅝
Raychem	29⅝	29
Raytheon	86⅝	87⅜
Reebok	47⅛	46⅝
Roadway	25⅛	25⅜
Rockwell	25⅝	25⅝
Rohm Haas	42	41⅞
Royal Dutch	80	78⅝
Rubbermad	58⅝	58⅝
Ryrstrs Mll	36⅝	36⅝
Safeco	38⅝	38⅝
Salomon	25	25⅛
Sante Fe Pac	9⅝	9
Sears Rob	44⅜	43⅝
Schlmbrgr	62⅝	62⅜
Schrg-Plgh	54⅜	52⅝
Scott Paper	38⅝	38
Seagram	109⅝	109⅝
Sears Rbk	42	40⅝
Shrwin-Wllms	33⅝	33⅛
Skyline	14⅛	13⅝
Smkp-on Tls	31⅞	31⅝
Southern	27⅞	27⅞
St Paul	66	65⅛
Stanley Wk	35⅝	35⅝
Stone Cntr	19	17½
Sun Co	30⅞	29⅝
Sunst Bk	32⅝	35⅝
Super Valu	29⅞	29⅝
SW Bell	52⅜	52⅜
Symbio	43⅝	44⅛
Syntex	43⅝	42⅝
Tandem	11⅛	11⅛
Tandy	28⅝	28⅝
Tektronix	33⅛	32⅝
Telex	7⅝	7⅝
Temple-In	44⅝	43
Tenneco	38⅛	38⅝
Texaco	63⅝	63⅝
Texas Inst	30⅞	30⅞
Texas Util	38⅞	37⅞
Textron	33⅜	32⅝
Time Wrnr	63⅛	61¼
Times Mirr	32	31⅝
Timken	28⅝	28⅝
Tonchmark	48⅝	48⅝
Toys R Us	32⅜	31⅜
Transam	33⅛	32⅜
Travelers	20⅜	20
Tribune	45⅞	44⅝
TRW	42⅝	42⅝
Tyco Lab	40⅛	39⅝
UAL	131⅛	128⅜
Un Camp	42⅝	41½
Un Carbide	21⅜	20⅞
Un Pacific	84⅜	83
Unilever	80	78⅛
Unisys	4⅝	4⅜
Unocal	25⅛	25⅛
Upjohn	43⅞	43
US Life	40⅜	40⅜
US West	35⅝	35⅝
Ustar Cp	12½	12⅝
USF&G	6⅜	6¼
UST	47⅝	46⅛
USX Mar	29⅝	28⅝
Utd Tech	47⅜	44⅝
Utd Telcm	25⅛	25⅛
Vf	31⅞	31⅝
Wal-Mart	49⅜	48⅝
Waste Mgmt	38⅛	37
Wells Fargo	78⅛	78⅝
Wendy Bsc	23⅜	22⅞
Weyerhsr	26½	26
Whirlpool	38⅛	35¼
Wicksan	13⅝	13
Willms Cole	35⅞	35
Woolworth	28⅝	28⅝
Wrigley	60⅜	60⅞
Wrnr-Lamb	62⅝	60⅛
Xerox	53⅝	53⅝

Moscow events send Dow soaring

New York

SHARES climbed in morning trading as the Dow Jones industrial average surged on rising hopes that the attempt to force a change in the leadership of the Soviet Union may soon end. The Dow average jumped 55 points, or 1.9 per cent, to 2,968.69. Some buy programs contributed to the surge.

Thomas Walsh, the chief of the trading desk at Nikko Securities, said: "The euphoria coming out of the Soviet Union is absolutely incredible." He said that Wall Street was being boosted strongly by foreign buyers. Rising shares outnumbered falls by about 12 to one.

☐ **Tokyo** — Prices ended up but off their highs. The Nikkei index was up 364.54 points, or 1.68 per cent, to 22,051.60. With no fresh bad news from Moscow and no heavy sellers, bargain hunting lifted prices. Turnover was an estimated 320 million shares, compared with 344 million on Tuesday.

☐ **Frankfurt** — Shares surged in the closing minutes after Boris Yeltsin said members of the hardliners who seized power on Monday were trying to leave Moscow by air. The Dax index ended 43.89 points, or 2.9 per cent, higher at 1,570.82.

☐ **Hong Kong** — The property sector led prices in recovering from a sharp, early-morning drop. The Hang Seng index ended 15.24 points higher at 3,863.68 after falling 50 points shortly after the opening. The Hong Kong index ended 8.64 points up at 2,528.13.

☐ **Sydney** — The market closed higher in thin trading after bargain hunters came back. The all-ordinaries index closed at 1,535.9, up 11.5. Brokers said that investors' confidence is slowly returning.

☐ **Singapore** — Shares closed mostly lower after selective bargain hunting alternated with stop-loss selling in fairly moderate trading.

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No.	Company	Group	Gain or loss
1	BPB Ind	Building,Roads	
2	Taylor Woodrow	Building,Roads	
3	Stand Chart	Banks,Discount	
4	Bartonwood Brew	Breweries	
5	Boots	Industrials A-D	
6	Midland	Banks,Discount	
7	Electrocomponents	Electricals	
8	Abbey National	Banks,Discount	
9	Wimpey G	Building,Roads	
10	Wilson Bowden	Building,Roads	
11	Morgan Cble	Industrials L-R	
12	Grand Met	Breweries	
13	Br Land	Property	
14	BM Gp	Industrials A-D	
15	Sketchley	Industrials S-Z	
16	GKN	Industrials E-K	
17	Hambros	Banks,Discount	
18	Simon Eng	Industrials S-Z	
19	Farnell Elect	Electricals	
20	Dowty	Motors,Aircraft	
21	Triton Europe	Oil,Gas	
22	Caledonia	Finance,Land	
23	Johnson Matthey	Industrials E-K	
24	Allied Irish	Banks,Discount	
25	Trafalgar H	Industrials S-Z	
26	Hawker Siddly	Industrials E-K	
27	Norcros	Industrials L-R	
28	Northumbrian	Water	
29	Bicnheim Gp	Newspapers,Pub	
30	Johnson Cleaners	Industrials E-K	
31	Slough Estates	Property	
32	Bank Of Scotland	Banks,Discount	
33	Thames Water	Water	
34	P & O Dfd	Transport	
35	Forte	Hotels,Caterers	
36	BAA	Transport	
37	Amec	Building,Roads	
38	BTP	Chemicals,Plas	
39	Bilton (P)	Property	
40	Brent Chems	Chemicals,Plas	
41	Laporte	Chemicals,Plas	
42	Wilson (Connolly)	Building,Roads	
43	Costain Group	Building,Roads	
44	Body Shop	Drapery,Stores	

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Shares surge

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Div/Gth	80.02	83.21b	+0.53	5.84
Global Gth Spc	81.86	86.27	+0.13	1.51
Ethical	50.57	54.40	+0.23	3.11
High Inc Equity	187.0	143.7b	+0.8	5.83
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Am Inc/Gth	31.5	33.4	-0.1	2.38
Euro	67.83	72.04	+1.73	0.51
Euro Inc	71.34	75.15b	+1.56	1.63
Europe	77.14	79.09b	+0.52	1.03
Extra Inc	39.8	43.22	+0.17	5.74
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Equity Inc	194.7	207.3b	+2.5	4.69
High Yield	211.4	227.2	+2.6	6.10
Balanced	302.4	320.8	+4.0	3.07
Am Inc	85.45	97.75b	+0.29	4.11
World Ass Val	32.03	34.11b	+0.06	1.55
Japan	132.4	141.2	+0.9	0.01
Soc of An.	321.5	342.5	+1.5	0.01

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Euro Gth	78.30	84.81	+2.66	1.69
1992 Euro Spc	68.02	83.01b	+1.53	1.54
Intl Inc	66.97	70.44	-1.72	3.62
Nam Gth	82.08	86.69b	-0.16	1.44
Pacific Gth	73.96	78.09	+0.17	1.93
UK Gth Acc	80.59	85.57	+0.82	2.34
Do Dist	72.01	77.01	+0.69	3.27
UK Income	82.58	86.89	+0.49	5.74

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Capd	88.29	93.69b	+0.57	3.67
Euro Gth Inc	88.88	94.72b	+2.66	1.88
Extra Inc	99.48	105.9	+0.57	5.63
General	204.4	218.6	+1.4	3.90
Gt/Fxd Income	51.04	52.90e	+0.65	8.06
Inc Trust	429.6	459.5e	+3.5	6.06

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Assoc Gth	69.62	73.03e	+0.09	0.46
Am Sm Co	73.92	80.81	+0.01	0.20
Australia	69.66	65.11	+0.06	1.60
Convertible	44.82	48.04	+0.24	5.60
Far East	130.8	137	+0.8	0.80
Equity Inc	78.27	81.13	+0.66	6.60
Euro Gth	173.5	184.5	+4.4	0.30
Euro Smlr Cos	190.5	191.2	+2.8	1.50
Exempt	69.50	71.78e	-0.39	4.00
Gilt/Fixed Gth	46.08	48.38	+1.17	1.10
Global Gth	62.45	67.06	+0.77	1.00
Jap Gth	151.1	161.8e	+2.4	0.00
Jap Sunrise	133.5	142.4	+1.0	0.00
Pacific	87.82	77.39e	+0.55	1.29
Do Acc	167.2	174.2e	+1.9	3.80
UK Growth	84.57	89.05	+0.53	4.30
UK Smlr Cos	87.78	72.47	+0.32	2.90
Select Man	83.46	84.97	+0.49	3.10

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Britan Gth Acc	81.30	86.95	+0.61	2.71
Do Inc	76.77	82.11	+0.58	2.71
Global Bond	69.89	74.43	+0.26	8.00
High Yield Acc	41.02	43.89e	+0.18	5.16
Do Inc	32.51	34.77e	+0.13	5.16
Inc Gth Acc	80.28	84.48	+0.51	5.16
Do Inc	75.79	80.35	+0.48	5.16
Service Co Acc	68.35	70.97	+0.53	2.46
Do Inc	63.07	67.46	+0.50	2.46
Am Gth Acc	33.19	35.50e	+0.05	1.28
Do Inc	32.57	34.85e	+0.05	1.28
Euro Gth Acc	25.71	27.50	+0.14	1.68
Do Inc	25.28	26.98	+0.12	1.68
Managed Port	25.21	26.96	+0.12	6.00

BROWN SHIPLEY
8-17, Ferrymount Rd, Haywards Heath Tel: 0444 458144

Financial	102.1	108.7e	+0.5	4.95
Smlr Cos Acc	169.2	195.1	+1.2	0.60
Do Inc	110.3	117.5	+0.7	1.96
High Inc	89.52	70.68	+0.51	6.19
Income	77.89	82.99	+0.49	6.19
Man Port/ Inc	79.95	85.15e	+0.48	2.44
Do Acc	145.3	154.7e	+0.7	2.23
Nth Amer	77.69	82.76	+0.67	0.39
Orient	99.46	98.88	+0.10	0.47
Recov	289.2	304.2	+0.6	4.48
Recov	31.96	34.04	+0.26	3.47
Sermon	94.14	98.88	+0.69	0.11
Intl Recov	27.89	29.70	+0.26	0.29
Europe	19.67	21.15	+0.28	0.53
Conv Exempt	17.39	18.53	..	10.27

BUCKMASTER MANAGEMENT
Beaufort Hse 15 St Botolph St London EC3A 7JJ Tel: 071-247 7424 Dealing 071-247 6942

Fellowship Inc	53.26	56.76	+0.39	2.84
Do Acc	57.52	61.28	+0.41	2.84
Inc Fund 3	170.4	181.3	+0.9	5.89
Do Acc 3	191.7	204.2	+1.0	5.89
Inc Port Inc	96.73	103.0e	+0.51	5.26
Do Acc	98.76	80.89e	+0.57	3.16
Smlr Inc 5	92.42	97.97	+0.15	3.25
Do Acc	106.6	113.0	+0.1	3.25
Int Inc Prt Inc	80.37	82.20e	+0.72	8.29

BURRAGE UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD
117 Fenchurch Street London EC3M 5AL
Tel: 071-488 7218
Shr Gt Fxd Int 82.23 83.04 +0.05 5.48

CB UNIT MANAGERS LTD
PO Box 105 Manchester M60 0AH Tel: 061-837 5060

Bretton	101.6	108.1	+1.2	2.93
UK Growth	101.8	108.3	+1.1	2.71
UK Income	108.0	116.0	+0.7	5.39

CANNON FUND MANAGERS
1, Temple Way, Wembley Middx HA9 0NB
Tel: 081-902 8878

SE Asia	51.83	55.49	-0.01	2.24
Growth	38.50	42.25e	-0.02	3.94
Income	38.47	41.28e	+0.49	5.71
Far East	38.00	40.64e	+0.47	0.76
Nth Amer	55.86	59.53e	+0.11	0.58
Global	60.47	64.67	+0.54	0.30
European	57.5	61.5	+1.5	3.06
Japan	92.68	98.46	+1.73	0.91

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Bronsgo Opp	46.10	48.20	-1.16	2.07
Ind Currency	47.57	50.47	-0.48	7.64

CAPEL-CURE MYERS UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD
35 Peppleton Street, Manchester M22AF
Tel: Enquiries: 061-236 5685 Dealings:061-236 5587

Capacity Trends				
Acc & Gen	94.77	100.6	+0.22	0.57
Do Acc	100.7	107.1	+0.23	0.57
European	55.26	58.77e	+0.66	1.36
Do Acc	57.11	60.73e	+0.69	1.36
F East/Gen	46.67	49.65	+0.33	0.00
Do Acc	46.67	49.65	+0.33	0.00
Glenfriars	229.5	244.2c	+0.5	2.49
Do Acc	248.7	264.6c	+0.5	2.49
Growth	294.8	313.5e	+0.6	2.65
Do Acc	468.5	498.7e	+0.6	2.65
Inc Gen Inc	328.9	349.9e	+3.1	4.59
Do Acc	410.1	436.3e	+3.8	4.53
Master Portf	389.25	97.46e	+0.86	2.89
Do Acc	392.68	97.40e	+0.81	2.89
Spec Sits	68.34	69.52e	+0.52	2.89
Do Acc	78.48	78.18e	+0.48	2.89
Exempt Fund				
High Yld Exmt	£10.67	10.90	+0.07	5.52
Do Acc	£11.40	11.76	+0.08	5.52

CAPEL (JAMES) MANAGEMENT
3, Hardcastle Exchange Square, London, E14 9QL Tel: Telephone: 071-515 8000
Dealings: 071-515 5555

Amer Index	152.1	162.3	-0.8	2.09
Capital	478.7	508.7	+7.2	3.57
Euro Index	109.1	116.4	+3.4	2.65
Euro Growth	76.51	76.03	+2.43	2.02
Far East Gth	65.15	69.52	-0.16	1.22
Global Bond	28.36	21.56e	-0.22	8.00
Gold Gen S & S	68.29	72.84	-0.02	0.00
Hong Kong	42.57	45.85	-0.02	3.06
Income	461.9	489.2	+0.9	5.35
Intl Sp Sits	66.62	64.09	+0.52	1.67
Jap Gth	194.3	207.3	+1.7	0.00
Jap Smlr Cos	29.72	31.71	+0.16	0.00
Jap Index	91.07	95.17	+0.27	0.35
High Yield Inc	107.0	113.8	+1.23	6.00
Pac Asset	364.7	388.0	+4.19	0.60
Preference Inc	38.41	40.86e	+0.01	10.54
Pac Index	174.4	185.6e	+0.02	10.64
PFT Europe	133.5	134.6e	+1.37	0.70
PFT Global	81.69	86.92e	-0.84	0.74
PFT Gld/Com	45.90	48.83e	-1.09	2.46
PFT Thai	36.61	38.95e	-0.84	0.00
PFT HK	60.73	64.62e	-0.15	0.00
PFT Jap	99.07	105.3e	+0.45	0.00
PFT Nth Amer	104.6	111.3e	-1.21	1.03
PFT Stlg/Int	66.45	72.89e	+1.34	0.00
PFT UK	102.3	108.8e	+1.38	1.53
PFT Cash	82.6	e	..	11.22

CAZENOVE UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD
15 Tokenhouse Yard, London EC2R 7AN
Tel: 071-588 2828

Amer Portf	69.51	69.86	+0.12	1.71
Euro Port	58.38	62.05	+1.58	0.68
Jap Portf	43.98	46.16	+0.09	0.00
Pacific Portf	69.65	65.54	+1.41	3.51
Portf	58.67	62.07	+0.85	3.13
UK Inc/Gth	56.82	61.16	+0.49	5.31

CENTRAL BOARD OF FINANCE OF CHURCH OF ENGLAND
2, Rose Street, London EC2Y 5AQ Tel: 071-588 1815

Income	627.4	660.7e	..	5.28
Acc	£16.90	19.35	..	..
Deposit	100.0	..	..	10.05
Fixed Int Inc	111.3	111.5e	..	10.40
Do Acc	125.0	125.9e	..	..

CITY FINANCIAL UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD
1 White Hart Yard London Bridge SE1 Tel: 071-407 5959

Am Gth	61.18	63.85e	..	3.01
Stock Int Cp Ac	63.20	64.85	..	5.41
Prior Hse Inc	166.8	176.5	..	5.30
Prior Hse Cap	204.4	216.6e	..	2.51

COMMERCIAL UNION TRUST MANAGERS
St. Helen's, 1, Undershaft, London EC3P 3DQ Tel: Enquiries 081-991 2222 Dealing 081-686 9010

Am Gth	78.00	84.04	-0.53	1.89
Euro Gth	77.89	82.86	+2.22	1.55
Far East	70.38	74.87	-0.34	0.77
Jap Gwth	38.58	38.59e	+0.38	0.00
Managed Inc	82.78	88.15	+0.47	5.20
Do Acc	80.57	84.44	+0.66	5.23
Monthly Inc	42.07	44.78e	+0.11	10.68
Smlr Cos Inc	27.48	29.22	+0.30	3.58
Do Acc	29.48	31.36	+0.36	3.58
UK/Gen Inc	92.32	98.19	+1.06	3.59
Wrldw Bond	70.33	75.85	+1.22	3.59
Wrldw Equity	90.35	96.54	+1.01	2.48
Do Acc	93.80	82.65	-0.61	5.35
Wrldw Sp Sits	43.25	45.98e	+0.42	1.50
Do accum	44.86	47.98e	+0.45	1.39
Quilter Gen Inc	107.8	114.7	+1.30	4.33
Do Acc	114.1	121.4	+1.89	1.94
Quilter Inc	88.92	94.46	+1.14	5.85
Quilter Intl	100.4	106.9	+1.28	5.85
Quilter Ind Inc	101.7	108.1	+0.72	0.01
Do Acc	112.8	119.9	+0.80	0.01
Glb UK Sp Sits	68.32	73.40	+1.05	4.36
Do Acc	69.06	94.77	+1.34	4.36

COMMERCIAL UNION PRESTIGE FUND MANAGEMENT

Finance/Prop	89.31	95.01	+1.80	3.17
Fixed/Conv	33.99	36.15e	+0.19	8.20
Do Acc	80.78	85.94e	+0.44	8.08
Equity Inc	131.8	140.09e	+1.79	5.43
Do Acc	402.1	427.59e	+5.11	5.43
High Yield Inc	107.0	113.8	+1.23	6.00
Do Acc	364.7	388.0	+4.19	6.00
Preference Inc	38.41	40.86e	+0.01	10.54
Do Acc	174.4	185.6e	+0.02	10.64
PFT Europe	133.5	134.6e	+1.37	0.70
PFT Global	81.69	86.92e	-0.84	0.74
PFT Gld/Com	45.90	48.83e	-1.09	2.46
PFT Thai	36.61	38.95e	-0.84	0.00
PFT HK	60.73	64.62e	-0.15	0.00
PFT Jap	99.07	105.3e	+0.45	0.00
PFT Nth Amer	104.6	111.3e	-1.21	1.03
PFT Stlg/Int	66.45	72.89e	+1.34	0.00
PFT UK	102.3	108.8e	+1.38	1.53
PFT Cash	82.6	e	..	11.22

EFM UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
4, Melville Crescent, Edinburgh Tel: 0345 090529

Capel	98.91	94.47	+0.88	1.19
Capd	121.4	129.0	+0.6	2.33
Convertible	22.44	23.84	+0.24	8.18
Euro Fund	31.99	33.79	+1.00	1.16
Europ Mngd	14.45	15.26	..	3.81
Extra Inc	81.35	85.49	..	5.35
Growth/Inc	208.5	218.2e	+1.2	4.57
High Dist	144.5	153.5	+2.3	6.76
High Inc	86.47	103.0e	..	7.84
Inc/Growth	119.8	127.3e	..	6.23
Int	288.0	294.8e	+3.7	1.54
Intl Inc	83.69	84.79	+0.35	6.39
Pacific	35.52	37.74	-0.06	1.09
Smlr Jap Cos	60.84	64.64	+0.40	0.00

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Tokyo	166.8	173.5	+2.1	0.00
Ex Am 2	94.7	100.2	..	1.48
Ex Jap 3	109.6	111.6	-3.9	0.08
Ex Smlr Jap 4	538.2	553.0	..	0.00

EAGLE STAR UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
Bath Road, Cheltenham, Gloucester GL53 7LQ Tel: 0242 577666

Ordnd Op Acc	38.75	92.50	-0.12	1.36
Japanese	51.13	54.38	+0.82	0.00
UK Eaton Inc	98.42	104.7	+1.22	5.59
Do Acc	111.2	118.3	+1.3	3.33
UK Gth Accum	165.8	174.6	+1.5	2.05
UK Hi Inc	117.5	125.1	+1.3	5.56
UK Hi Inc Acc	129.3	134.4	+1.4	5.56
N Amer Acc	88.31	93.52e	-0.31	1.67
Euro Acc	102.1	108.6e	+0.9	0.29
UK Pref/Fi Inc	54.88	58.18	+0.03	9.29
Do Acc	76.88	80.39	+0.05	9.29
Int Sp S Acc	40.56	48.15	+0.59	0.98
Exempt Opp	53.51	57.35	+0.88	1.28

ENDURANCE FUND MANAGEMENT LTD
41, Hertington Gardens London SW7 4JD
Tel: 071 373 7261

Endurance	149.0	158.5	..	1.85

EQUITABLE UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD
Walton Street Aylesbury, HP21 7QW Tel: 0296 431400

Equitable Pelican	105.3	110.8	+0.12	5.09
High Inc	110.5	116.3	+2.55	6.14
T Of Inv Tr	110.0	115.8e	+2.60	5.22
Spec Sits	97.75	103.2	+2.65	4.27
N Am	78.12	82.22	+0.22	0.95
Far East	165.1	173.8e	-0.02	1.35
Intl Gth	74.48	78.40	-0.02	2.23
Euro	54.78	57.64	+2.41	1.89
Smlr Cos	58.92	56.34	+1.14	4.33

EQUITY & LAW
St. George House Corporation St. Coventry CV1 1QD Tel: 0203 553231

UK Gth Accum	263.1	276.9	+2.1	3.22
Do Inc	197.7	210.4	+1.5	3.32
Higher Inc Acc	245.2	261.5	+2.0	4.78
Do Inc	206.9	220.5	+1.5	4.78
Glbs/Fxd Acc	137.9	146.2	+0.1	8.77
Do Inc	82.46	86.91	+0.06	8.77
N America	173.7	184.8	+0.7	0.00
Far East	222.0	236.3	+0.5	0.39
Europe	184.9	208.7	+3.7	0.10
Gend	365.6	387.1	+2.6	3.36
Spec Acc	370.5	400.6	+2.6	3.50
Spec Inc Acc	370.5	400.6	+2.6	3.50
Gt Portfo Inc	68.55	72.29	+0.20	5.95
Do Acc	68.74	73.15	+0.24	5.95
Global Ops	85.57	89.12	+0.59	0.24

FIDELITY INVESTMENT SERVICES LTD
Oakhill House, 130 Tonbridge Road Hildenborough Kent TN11 9DZ Tel: 0800 414161

American	164.2	173.6	+0.1	0.00
Cash Unit	131.62	e	+0.03	11.17
European	503.0	530.8	+1.11	0.00
Gth/Inc	125.6	134.7	+0.7	5.47
Inc Plus	103.0	110.5	+0.6	7.37
UK Gth	82.23	88.02e	+0.40	0.00

FOREIGN & COLONIAL
Old Broad Street, Exchange Place London EC2N 1HY Tel: 071-628 8000

Euro Income	76.66	81.29e	+1.01	4.19
Far East	113.5	122.4	+0.7	0.00
Oriental Income	84.92	90.47	+0.77	0.00
UK Growth	88.11	73.91	+0.75	1.73
UK Inc Fund	109.4	112.7	+0.3	5.08
US Smlr Cos	139.4	145.9	..	0.00

FRANKLINGTON UNIT MANAGEMENT
155, Bishopsgate London EC2M 3YT Tel: 071-374 4000

Am Smlr Cos	284.7	308.9e	+0.9	..
Do Acc	290.9	316.0e	+1.0	..
Capd Inc	238.2	251.9	+0.4	3.31
Do Acc	238.2	251.9	+0.4	3.31
Cont Smlr Inc	39.78	42.49	+0.1	0.22
Do Acc	40.45	43.21	+0.01	0.22
Conv Inc	66.04	101.7	+0.88	7.02
Do Acc	66.04	101.7	+0.88	7.02
Euro Inc	84.93	91.69	+1.42	0.55
Do Acc	89.39	94.19	+1.49	0.55
Extra Inc Inc	238.9	251.5e	+1.9	5.67
Financial Acc	83.66	87.69	+0.50	0.96
Do Inc	81.44	85.35	+0.47	0.96
Far East Inc	182.2	195.7	+1.0	0.00
Do Acc	237.7	253.9	+1.3	5.36
Intl Gth	239.7	257.1	+1.1	..
Do Acc	239.2	256.4	+1.1	..
Jap & Gen Inc	138.5	148.6	+1.4	..
Do Acc	138.5	148.6	+1.4	..
Mangd Port Inc	75.83	79.82	+0.57	1.86
Do Acc	76.49	80.51	+0.58	1.86
Monthly Inc	102.2	107.6	+0.77	5.35
Recov	201.7	219.3e	+0.3	1.32
Do Acc	239.2	253.6e	+0.4	1.32
Smlr Inc	97.72	99.12	+0.13	0.00
Do Acc	114.1	121.4	+0.15	0.00
Gilt Gth Inc	68.68	61.55	+0.10	5.11
Do Acc	84.81	88.38	+0.12	5.11
Gilt Inc Inc	57.74	59.84	+0.04	9.83
Do Acc	85.58	87.68	+0.05	9.88

FRIENDS PROVIDENT MANAGERS
Castle Street, Salisbury, Wilts SP1 3SH Tel: Newbridge 081-392 4141 Dealing 0722 413411

Equity Dist	264.5	282.7	+1.92	3.85
Do Acc	346.9	391.8	+3.69	3.85
Euro Gth Dist	88.71	94.84	+2.84	0.75
Do Acc	89.48	95.66	+2.86	0.75
Int Gth Dist	81.48	85.40	+0.60	0.77
Do Acc	82.97	87.00	+0.61	0.77
N Am Dist	148.8	148.8e	-0.05	1.31
Do Acc	150.0	160.6e	-0.05	1.31
Pac Basin Dist	182.5	197.0e	+1.39	0.57
Do Acc	182.5	197.0e	+1.39	0.57
Shrd Inc Dist	238.8	255.9	+1.63	2.92
Do Acc	289.0	298.2	+1.97	2.92
Shrd Inc Dist	50.67	54.12e	+0.15	5.04
Do Acc	50.67	54.12e	+0.15	5.04
NAm Shrd Dist	70.61	75.12e	-0.05	0.39
Do Acc	74.46	79.21e	-0.04	0.39

GT UNIT MANAGERS
8th Floor, 5, Devonshire Sq, London EC2M 4YE Tel: 071-283 2575 Dealing 071-626 9431

Am Sp Sits	53.67	56.46	-0.35	0.00
UK Cap Inc	137.0	146.8e	+2.9	4.30
Do Acc	137.0	146.8e	+2.9	4.30
Do Spec Sits	51.73	55.39	+0.46	2.00
Inc Fund	69.2	108.1	+1.2	7.71
Intl	182.9	195.7	+0.3	1.28
US/Gen	84.47	70.04	+0.04	0.64
Jap & Gen	69.27	74.18	+0.51	0.00
Far East/Gen	139.3	202.5	-1.5	0.00
Euro	308.6	330.1	+6.2	1.17
Germany	81.2	86.2	+2.5	0.47
Intl Inc	55.68	59.62	+0.28	0.00
Wrld Spec Sit	91.66	98.25e	-0.55	0.13
Global Pro Inc	47.69	51.07	+0.25	2.99
Do Acc	49.26	52.69	+0.25	2.99
Smlr Cos Div	59.34	41.57e	+0.21	0.56

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
GARTMORE FUND MANAGERS				
Gartmore Estate, PO Box 10, Beaumont Rd, Banbury, Oxon OX16 7JJ Tel: 0295 257777 Dealing: 0277 264321 Sandtoner 264324				
UK Growth Trusts				
Growth Gth	36.64	38.59e	+0.32	1.78
Cashflow*	115.11	e	+0.09	10.88
First Inv Inc	89.77	96.27	+0.51	3.76
Do Acc	179.9	193.0	+0.42	3.76
UK Smlr Cos	94.88	101.8	+0.45	5.85
Overseas Trusts				
Extra Inc	62.17	66.49	+1.32	7.41
Preference	20.49	21.91e	+0.05	12.94
High Inc	91.25	98.06e	+0.58	8.84
Income	108.0	115.6e	+0.69	4.92
Special Int	70.88	75.81e	+0.45	7.50
International Trusts				
Gold Int	67.54	72.43	-0.36	1.38
Eurocenturus	16.75	17.93	-0.01	0.73
Frontier Mkts	55.19	54.49	-0.66	0.00
Glob Inc/Gth	50.27	54.80	..	9.48
UK/Intl	55.60	52.82	+0.49	4.05
Overseas Trusts				
American	91.91	97.20	-0.67	1.15
European	63.84	64.45	+1.24	1.26
Euro Sel Opp	81.85	86.48e	+1.47	1.47
Am Emerg	48.09	48.98	+0.19	0.02
Hong Kong	54.08	57.78	+0.08	2.97
Japan	163.0	163.1e	+1.23	0.00
Pacific Gth	88.92	94.86	+0.83	1.50

GOVETT (ASIM) UNIT MANAGEMENT
Bankside House, 4, Bank Bridge Lane, London SE1 2HH Tel: 071-378 7678
Dealing:071-588 2828

Amer Growth	88.68	88.12	-0.33	0.21
Euro Growth	65.89	69.76e	+1.23	0.48
Far Horizons	39.58	42.38	+0.91	0.00
Jap Growth	84.39	88.97e	+1.61	0.00
Pacific Trust	91.13	96.07e	+1.76	0.00
Pacific Strat	61.58	65.84	-0.63	0.26
UK Prog Inc	71.21	76.16	+0.57	6.51
UK Growth	45.58	48.76	+0.49	2.88
UK Smlr Co	36.76	39.32e	+0.28	5.85

GRE UNIT MANAGERS
St Helens, 1, Undershaft, London EC3P 3DQ Tel: 071-283 7500 Dealing 071-588 2812

Cash	113.0		+0.1	10.78
Gt/Fxd Interest	110.7	117.4e	+0.2	8.77
Gth Equity	200.0	219.9	+2.1	2.66
Gth Income	99.43	105.4	+0.4	5.14
Inc Tst	102.0	108.9	+0.4	5.58
Int	128.5	136.1	+0.9	0.70
Managed	482.4	516.8	+0.9	..
N America	182.5	172.5	+1.0	0.00
Pacific	288.1	308.6	+3.3	0.88
Prop Share	200.9	214.9e	+1.5	4.69
Smlr Cos	210.8	227.4	+0.7	2.16
Euro Trust	299.2	318.5	+7.0	0.55

HALIFAX STANDARD TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD
PO Box 600 Edinburgh EH15 1EW Tel: 0800 289898

Global Adv Inc	28.02	30.77e	+0.25	2.45
Global Adv Acc	29.68	31.47e	+0.25	2.46

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Shedding light on a religious relic

Experts are using the latest equipment to unravel the mystery of the tomb of Christ. Chris Partridge looks at their findings

Many revered religious relics have had to be quietly removed to the crypt after scientific tests exposed them as fakes. Recently, carbon dating of one of the most famous, the Shroud of Turin, showed it to be a medieval cloth which had probably been wrapped around a statue coated with some pigment.

Now, one of the artefacts that many Christians regard as among the most sacred has been examined scientifically for the first time – the tomb of Christ in Jerusalem. Initial results have shown that much of a Jewish tomb of the right age and description still exists within the shrine that has grown up around it through the centuries.

The tomb of Christ cannot simply be excavated as though it were a Bronze age burial mound, because it is under the care of six religious communities, all of whom jealously guard their ancient privileges and rights over the holy place. A detailed survey of the tomb has become urgent, not just to establish its history, but to aid restoration.

When Professor Martin Biddle, an archaeologist at Oxford university, eventually gained permission to survey the tomb, it was on condition that nothing be disturbed.

To do this Professor Biddle brought in Professor Michael Cooper of City university in London, an expert in photogrammetry, or the surveying of objects by analysing photographs.

Photogrammetry began with map-making from aerial photographs, but has developed recently to allow objects much closer to the camera to be accurately surveyed.

Pictures of the object are taken from every conceivable angle, inside and out, and some basic measurements of widths and heights are taken to establish scale.

The pictures are then converted into digital form to enable a computer to examine every point and establish its position in three dimensions. The final step is to develop a "model", to generate plans and elevations, cross sections and perspective views from any angle. Professor Cooper and his team use the technique to survey places that are inaccessible or dangerous, such as nuclear reactors.

Property developers find the technique invaluable for generating highly detailed computer pictures of buildings surrounding the site of a proposed office block, so that computer images of the effect a new development will have on an existing area can be demonstrated to the planning authorities.

The photogrammetry team visited the tomb and recorded every detail in a series of photographs that will form a valuable archive of its condition. They then transferred the images to computer. A two-year process of interpretation is now under way, funded by the Leverhulme Trust Fund.

The tomb, as described in the Gospels, is a simple chamber cut in solid rock, and closed by a rock rolled over the entrance. What is seen by pilgrims who visit the site is a rich marble shrine, covered in Byzantine ornamentation.

Inside the shrine, visitors bend low into the chamber, but it is clearly at ground level. How does the modern appearance of the shrine equate with the Gospel descriptions?

The Emperor Constantine was responsible for the first shrine over the tomb. When he converted to Christianity in the 4th century he sent his builders to find the tomb and restore it. They asked Bishop Macarius of Jerusalem where it was, and he said that local tradition placed it beneath a pagan temple erected in AD 135 by Hadrian.

Constantine's men demolished the temple and, to their surprise, a tomb exactly fitting the Gospel descriptions was found. The site around it was levelled, leaving the tomb projecting. It was covered with an edicule, or little house, which was later enclosed by a large church erected by the Crusaders.

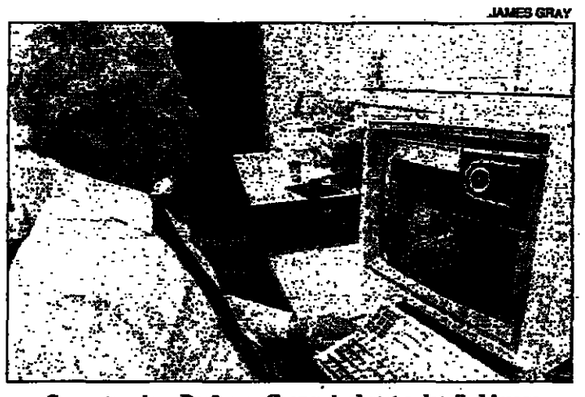
Since then, the tomb has suffered from earthquakes, fires, vandalism and neglect. The present edicule was built in 1809 by a Greek architect, and has been strapped up with steel girders since 1929 when the British mandate government in Palestine failed to get the tomb guardians to agree on restoration.

The new survey has revealed all sorts of misalignments, excessive wall thicknessess and other oddities of the building indicating that much more of the original structure may exist within the later marble coverings than was previously thought.

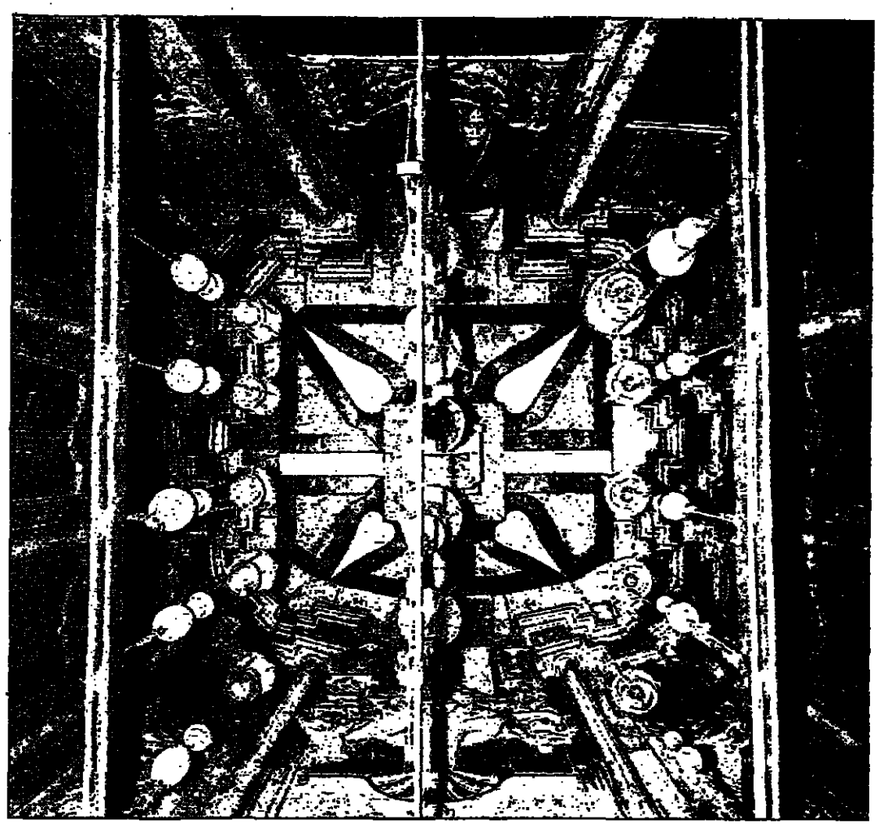
The main aim of the survey is to pinpoint exactly how the building is constructed, and how much of the original tomb, and Constantine's work, is preserved within it. This knowledge may spur the guardians of the building into agreeing on a restoration programme, which is now urgently needed.

Comprehensive restoration will involve taking the entire building to pieces and reassembling it. When that is finally done, will new light be shed on the last days of Christ?

JAMES GRAY



Computer view: Professor Cooper looks at a detailed image



Scene from above: a picture of the Chapel of the Angel at the site of Christ's tomb in Jerusalem

Muscle men put heart into victims

THE human heart could be stimulated to repair itself after it has been damaged by an attack, according to researchers. Treatments for some types of heart disease could emerge from pioneering work by scientists at Birmingham university medical school.

When the heart is damaged by an attack, its muscle tissue dies and cannot be replaced, because the muscle cells do not regenerate.

"We are now beginning to question whether healthy heart muscle cells could be triggered to divide and replace the damaged tissue," Dr Peter Cummins, who is leading the project, told the annual conference of the European Society of Cardiology in Amsterdam earlier this week. "If this happened, the damaged heart could repair itself."

Dr Cummins, of the British Heart Foundation molecular cardiology research group in Birmingham, says that proteins called growth factors, found in the heart and other organs, are providing clues to how this could be achieved.

Studies show that in the unborn child and in very early infancy, heart muscle cells divide into new cells. Growth factor proteins play a role in this process, but muscle cells lose the ability to divide soon after birth, he says.

The reasons are unknown, but if researchers can establish what changes the proteins undergo between infancy and adulthood, it might be possible to stimulate regeneration in the damaged adult heart, Dr Cummins says. "One of the ultimate aims of our work is to be able to isolate healthy adult cells from the heart after injury, stimulate them to start dividing again, and re-insert them into the heart to repair damaged tissue."

New techniques of genetic engineering enable researchers to take non-dividing isolated adult heart cells, and insert them into genes from tumour viruses, causing them to divide. Although it will be years before such techniques are applicable to patients, research is expanding rapidly.

Dr Cummins says: "What we are talking about might seem futuristic but it is not necessarily as fanciful as it appears. The long-term aim is to be able to manipulate the processes involved in growth and repair of cardiac tissue."

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UPDATE

Screen test

SOME portable computers may cost more after a decision by the United States government to slap a 62 per cent tariff on certain types of Japanese screens, many of which are used in IBM, Apple and Compaq machines. A US trade commission said last week that the Japanese active matrix liquid crystal displays had been sold below market prices and had harmed sales efforts by seven small American companies.

Cancer hope

RESEARCHERS testing a vaccine to prevent post-surgery regrowth of the most deadly form of skin cancer, say results so far are promising. Three years of trials in Australia have involved 270 patients with melanoma – malignant tumours that can spread to other parts of the body. The co-directors of the study – Professor Peter Hersey, the research director of the Royal Newcastle Hospital's melanoma unit, and Professor Bill McCarthy, Australia's leading skin cancer specialist – plan to test a further 400 patients.

Chat line

A FOUR ton, 36ft-long telecommunications satellite, put into orbit by a European Ariane rocket last week, will provide international communications for North America, and between Europe and Africa, and handle 120,000 phone conversations at once.

Robots freed

INDIA is allowing 34 industries to import foreign technology without permits. The decision, part of a move to liberalise the country's economy, affects robots, electrical equipment and industrial instruments among others.

Go zone

SWITZERLAND will next year start to phase out the use of chlorofluorocarbons (CFCs) and other ozone-damaging chemical compounds and hopes virtually to eliminate their use by 1995.

Efficiency condition beyond powers

Regina v Secretary of State for Education and Science, Ex parte Association of Polytechnic and College Teachers

Before Mr Justice Simon Brown

[Judgment July 31]

Although the Secretary of State for Education and Science could withhold a proportion of the grant allocated to the Polytechnic and College Funding Council (PCFC) without offending section 134(7) of the Education Reform Act 1988, he could not state that he would release the grant only to those institutions which had satisfied his criteria for efficiency.

Mr Justice Simon Brown so held in the Queen's Bench Division in dismissing an application by the Association of Polytechnic and College Teachers, an independent trade union, for judicial review of the secretary of state's decision to withhold funds from the PCFC until there was a pay settlement for the academic staff.

Mr Robin Allen for the association; Mr Stephen Richards for the secretary of state.

MR JUSTICE SIMON BROWN said that the first issue was whether the secretary of state had imposed conditions upon the payment of the grant.

Where there was the clearest assurance that a specified sum of money would be withheld only to be released in certain identified circumstances, that seemed to be in natural speech a sum conditionally granted.

The second issue was whether the condition offended section 134(7) of the 1988 Act.

His Lordship believed that there was no objection to the secretary of state imposing, as he had done, a condition of that nature, that is, a precondition to withhold the grant for the year 1991-92.

It was also accepted that the secretary of state was entitled to participate in various levels of negotiations to attempt to ensure that his conditions were satisfied and that it would not be unfair for the department to be involved in the negotiations of a staff pay settlement.

The secretary of state could not, however, decide at a future date, as it now appeared he did in the previous year, that he would release the withheld grant but not to the PCFC, and not how and between whom to allocate the sum, but only to particular institutions which satisfied his criteria of efficiency, for that would be imposing a condition upon the grant which would offend section 134(7) of the 1988 Act.

The application was dismissed for the secretary of state's actions had not gone that far.

Solicitors: Bindman & Partners; Treasury Solicitor.

Maxims of law and equity flexible

Tinsley v Milligan

Before Lord Justice Lloyd, Lord Justice Ralph Gibson and Lord Justice Nicholls

[Judgment July 30]

It would be a remarkable reversal of the traditional functions of law and equity if the maxim "he who comes to equity must come with clean hands" were to be less flexible than the common law doctrine *ex turpi causa non oritur actio* (no right of action arises from a base cause).

Both principles required the court to undertake a balancing exercise and to consider whether or not it would be an affront to the public conscience to grant the relief sought having regard to the conduct of the person seeking it.

Where, therefore, two joint beneficial owners of a house agreed to put the property in the sole name of one of them so as to facilitate fraudulent claims to housing benefit by the other, and those claims were pursued, the fraud subsequently, however, being confessed, the circumstances as a whole were not such as to warrant refusal to give effect to the trust in that other's favour so as to deprive her of her half share in the property.

The Court of Appeal so held by a majority when dismissing an appeal by the plaintiff, Stella Tinsley, against the dismissal on July 26, 1990 by Judge Hywel ap Robert, at Caerphilly County Court, of the plaintiff's claim for possession of 141 Thomas Street, Abertridwr, Mid-Glamorgan, and granted the defendant, Kathleen Milligan, a declaration that the plaintiff held the premises on trust for the defendant and herself in equal shares and that the defendant was an equitable tenant in common of the premises.

Mr Alexander Hill-Smith for the plaintiff; Mr Philip Davies for the defendant.

LORD JUSTICE NICHOLLS said that over a period of years the defendant, with the knowledge and assent of the plaintiff, had made false claims to the Department of Social Security for benefits of one kind or another.

The defendant had not been alone in perpetrating frauds upon the department. The plaintiff had also done so. Having the property in the plaintiff's sole name had assisted with the fraud in the sense that it had assisted in the concealment of the defendant's fraud.

It was to be noted, first, that the money obtained from the DSS had not been a substantial part of their income, which had consisted mostly of rent from their lodgers. The fraud perpetrated by them both had played only a small financial part in the acquisition of the equity in the house which was in dispute.

Second, there was no continuing illegality. Late in 1988 the defendant had made her peace with the DSS.

Having considered a number of recent authorities, including *Saunders v Edwards* ([1987] 1 WLR 1116) and *Euro-Diam Ltd v Bathurst* ([1990] 1 QB 1) his Lordship said that they seemed to him to establish that when applying the maxim *ex turpi causa* in a case in which a defence of illegality had been raised, the court should keep in mind that the underlying principle was the so-called public conscience test.

The court had to weigh, or balance, the adverse consequences of granting relief against the adverse consequences of refusing relief. The ultimate decision called for a value judgment.

Balancing the considerations on each side, his Lordship had no doubt that, far from it being an affront to the public conscience to grant relief in the instant case, it would be an affront to the public conscience not to do so.

Right-thinking people would not consider that condemnation of the parties' fraudulent activities ought to have the consequence of permitting the plaintiff to retain the defendant's half share of the house. That would be to visit on the defendant a disproportionate penalty.

The plaintiff's contention had been that the public conscience test had no place in the instant case. By a well established line of binding authority, an altogether simpler principle was applicable.

Once the court found that a property had been conveyed into the name of one party for a fraudulent purpose and that purpose had been carried into effect, that was an end of the matter. The court would not enforce a trust in favour of the other party.

He who came to equity must come with clean hands. There was no scope for a balancing exercise. Without further ado the court would draw back, exclaim "unclean" and leave the estate to lie where it fell.

His Lordship reviewed that line of cases, which had been considered by the Court of Appeal in *Tinker v Tinker* ([1970] P 136). In that case a husband had put the matrimonial home into his wife's name in case a new business on which he was venturing should fail.

The court had held that he could not claim beneficial ownership of the house. He was an honest man and must be taken to have intended the house should belong to his wife so that he could truthfully say to his creditors that it was not his property.

Lord Denning, Master of the Rolls and Lord Justice Salmon, with whose judgments Lord Justice Cross had agreed, had approved the decision of the Divisional Court in *Gascoigne v Gascoigne* ([1918] 1 KB 233).

If the plaintiff's arguments were correct, that line of cases was authority for the proposition that in every instance where a transfer of property was made for an illegal or dishonest purpose, and that purpose was carried into effect, the transferor could not thereafter look for the court to assistance in obtaining a re-transfer, whatever the circumstances.

Depending on the circumstances that could not only be harsh and out of step with the underlying public policy rationale. It would also mean that equity was taking a less flexible attitude to illegality than the common law.

That would be a remarkable reversal of the traditional functions of law and equity. The equitable maxim "he who comes to equity must come with clean hands" was to be applied no less flexibly than its common-law counterparts.

With those considerations in mind his Lordship thought that the authorities on which the plaintiff relied could properly be regarded as examples of cases in which, in particular circumstances, the court had considered that to have granted relief would have been an affront to the public conscience. They were not to be regarded as laying down an immutable principle such as the plaintiff contended for.

His Lordship would dismiss the appeal.

LORD JUSTICE RALPH GIBSON, dissenting, said that it seemed clear that the Court of Appeal in *Tinker* thought that it was applying an established rule of law to a case in which the applicability of that principle had been demonstrated by proof of the dishonesty of purpose of the husband in having the property in the sole name of the wife with the intention of deceiving possible creditors at a later date.

His Lordship thought it was clear that the counterclaim of the defendant was within the rule applied in *Tinker*. The arrangement or agreement between the plaintiff and the defendant was at least as much a dishonest plot on the part of the defendant as was that of the husband in *Tinker*.

In *Tinker* there had been no existing creditors to be defrauded. None had been deceived. In the instant case the immediate and continuing fraud upon the DSS had been planned and carried out.

After considering the authorities on the *ex turpi causa* rule his Lordship said that in his view *Tinker* was a decision of the Court of Appeal which was unaffected by any later authority and of which the ground of decision was applicable to the facts of the instant case.

His Lordship would allow the appeal.

Lord Justice Lloyd delivered a judgment concurring with Lord Justice Nicholls.

Solicitors: Blake Lapthorn for Philip G. Rees, Risca; Hugh James Jones & Jenkins, Cardiff.

Time limit for judge varying sentence

Regina v Stillwell
Regina v Jewell

Before Lord Justice Taylor, Mr Justice Ian Kennedy and Mr Justice Morland

[Judgment July 17]

The 28-day period within which a judge had power to vary a sentence under section 47(2) of the Supreme Court Act 1981 could not be extended by rescinding the original sentence within the time limit but then not sentencing until after the time limit had expired.

The Court of Appeal, Criminal Division, so held in a reserved judgment quashing the sentences imposed upon the appellants, Kenneth Stillwell and Ian Jewell, by Judge David Griffiths at Portsmouth Crown Court following their pleas of guilty to inflicting grievous bodily harm and, in Jewell's case, occasioning actual bodily harm. Stillwell had been sentenced to nine months imprisonment and Jewell to a total of 12 months.

Mr Richard Onslow, assigned by the Registrar of Criminal Appeals, for the appellants; Mr Jeremy Wright for the prosecution.

MR JUSTICE MORLAND, giving the judgment of the court, said that the judge had originally sentenced the appellants on April 16 without obtaining social enquiry reports.

The judge had then reconsidered the case and decided that he should have had reports before passing sentence. The appellants were brought back before him on April 22 when he quashed the sentences and remanded them in custody for reports.

On May 17, well over 28 days after the appellants had first been sentenced, the judge considered the reports and imposed the same sentences which he had originally imposed.

Counsel for the appellants had argued that as the judge had not re-imposed the sentences or passed any other sentences within the 28-day period he had had no jurisdiction on May 17 to pass the sentences that he did.

In the view of the court the 28-day period in section 47(2) was not elastic. It could not be extended by rescinding a sentence and then remanding a defendant for sentence to a date beyond the 28-day period.

The sentences passed on April 16 were lawfully imposed. Those sentences were lawfully rescinded on April 22. The judge had no power to impose the sentences that he did on May 17, the 28-day period under section 47(2) having passed.

Solicitors: CPS, Inner London.

Note of meeting not admissible as aid in construing tax claim

Farmer (Inspector of Taxes) v Bankers Trust International Ltd

A file note of a meeting between a company and its accountants was not admissible in evidence as an aid to construing the consequent claim for group relief against corporation tax that the company sent to its tax inspector.

The Court of Appeal (Lord Justice Neill, Lord Justice Russell and Lord Justice Butler-Sloss) so held on July 24 in dismissing a summons by the company, Bankers Trust International Ltd, to adduce fresh evidence at the forthcoming hearing of its appeal against the refusal by Mr Justice Harman of its claim to group relief (*The Times* June 27, 1990; [1990] STC 564).

LORD JUSTICE RUSSELL said that the company sought to introduce the file note under the principles laid down in *Ladd v Marshall* ([1954] 1 WLR 1489), submitting that it would have an important influence on the result of its appeal.

But there were insuperable difficulties in the way of the summons succeeding. The note had been unilaterally compiled by the company and not communicated to the Revenue, who had not, of course been present at the meeting.

It was not a relevant document and could not be used as an aid to construing the company's claim that shortly after it had sent to the Revenue.

Premature adoption application

In re C (Minors)

Where children were in care, but were enjoying beneficial access by their parents, it was premature to issue an application to free the children for adoption until the issue of access had been first determined and it was quite improper to assert, in the application, that a parent who sought to continue such access was, at the date of the application, unreasonably withholding his or her consent to the order freeing the children for adoption.

The Court of Appeal (Lord Justice Fox and Lord Justice Balcombe) so held on July 30 in allowing an appeal by a father of two children from orders made by Judge Ward, QC, in Hereford County Court on January 18, 1991 freeing the children for adoption and vesting parental rights in the local authority.

LORD JUSTICE BALCOMBE said that the court wished to repeat, with all the emphasis at its command, what was said in *In re E (Minors) (Adoption: Parental Agreement)* ([1990] 2 FLR 397, 410-411), which had not been reported until after the local authority had started proceedings in the present case.

Right to make bail application

Regina v Dover and East Kent Justices, Ex parte Dean

A defendant who had not made a bail application and had consented at his first appearance before justices to be further remanded in his absence until a hearing three weeks later was entitled as of right, under paragraph 2 of Part IIA of Schedule 1 to the Bail Act 1976, as inserted by section 154 of the Criminal Justice Act 1988, to make an application at that later hearing because the occasions when he had consented to being remanded in his absence were not hearings for the purposes of paragraph 2.

The Queen's Bench Divisional Court (Lord Justice Watkins and Mr Justice Tudor Evans) so held on July 18 in allowing an application by Andrew Dean for judicial review of a decision of Dover Justices that he had no right to make a bail application because the hearing when he had been entitled to make such an application as of right was the first date when he had consented to being remanded in his absence.

Football Association is not subject to judicial review

Regina v Football Association Ltd, Ex parte Football League Ltd

The Football Association (FA) was not a body subject to judicial review either in general or at the instigation of the Football League at a time when the league was virtually contractually bound to the FA.

Mr Justice Rose so held in the Queen's Bench Division on July 31 in rejecting an application by the Football League for judicial review of the FA's decision to establish a premier league for football.

MR JUSTICE ROSE said that the FA was a domestic body whose powers arose from, and existed only in, private law.

There was no sign of underpinning by the organs of state and no sign that if the FA did not exist the state would intervene to create such a body.

The conclusion that the FA was not subject to judicial review was not unwelcome. Although many people played football, many more watched matches and millions of pounds were involved in the game. Much the same could be said of other sports. All were basically forms of popular entertainment.

The application to the governing body of football of a tool for controlling government organs would be something of a quantum leap. It would also be a misapplication of scarce judicial resources. It would bog down the courts and slow down the application in other cases of what ought to be a fast remedy.

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Tactics to tame an altered force

Companies must start training their managers to cope with a complex European workforce, writes Michel Syrett

Pick any training initiative, or study of management education, and you will often find the same circle of blue chip companies involved. In the UK, they include Shell, BP, the Prudential Corporation, Unilever, British Airways, Ford and British Gas. In the United States, Hewlett Packard, AT&T and Federal Express are frequently quoted. On the Continent good practice companies include Siemens, Hoechst, Fiat, Electrolux and Olivetti.

These companies continue to invest substantial resources in their management training. They have large in-company personnel departments that use business schools and training consultancies.

All have developed state of the art techniques for developing graduates, professional staff and senior managers. These include succession planning, batteries of psychological tests, career appraisal and job rotation.

The state of management career planning in these companies is impressive. Scratch below the surface to look at smaller organisations and a different picture emerges. A recent study of about 6,000 companies by Price Waterhouse, the management consultants, and Cranfield School of Management, Bedfordshire, found that while good management development is seen as a key requirement throughout Europe, there is little evidence that organisations other than the top companies are adopting the right strategies.

The study found that about a quarter of UK companies used formal career plans to develop their managers. Less than a fifth used planned job rotation. Predictably, the smaller the company, the more likely it was to recruit externally to meet its needs.

Even among large UK organisations the picture is not all rosy. A study of 60 top British companies by Harbridge House, the training consultancy, found that although management development is discussed at board level more frequently, nearly half surveyed did not link training activities to corporate aims and strategies.

David Hussey, Harbridge's UK managing director, also found a "collective myopia" about some of the longer term problems companies were likely to face in the 1990s. Most, he says, are aware of the demographic changes likely to affect recruitment strategies once the economy recovers. Few have considered the impact that an increasingly diverse workforce will have on the way managers work.

Mr Hussey points to the United States, where only 15 per cent of new workers are likely to be white males, with the remainder consisting of women and hispanic, Asian and black workers.

"In the US, the demographic challenge has been recognised," he says. "Many leading organisations are training their managers to be more open to other cultures, abandon racial or sexual bias in their recruitment and take up positive actions to get the most from subordinates from non-traditional backgrounds.



Times are changing: David Hussey says companies must consider the impact an increasingly diverse workforce is going to have on managers' work

"Britain faces similar problems. In addition to fewer school leavers, more women at all levels of the workforce, older workers and higher proportions of ethnic minority workers, we can also expect more cross border transfer of staff as a result of a harmonised European market. Yet we find no perception of the need for management training in this area."

A final problem is the elitism companies draw on in selecting who benefits from sophisticated career planning. A study published earlier this year by the Institute of Manpower Studies, *Career Counselling in Organisations: The Way Forward*, found that the use of career workshops, development centres, mentoring and computer-aided career advice was on the increase, but that they were often only extended to high grade managers on fast track schemes.

Author of the study, Charles Jackson comments: "Sensible employers are beginning to realise they should develop the careers of all their employees. In contrast to fast track schemes, this approach allows equal access to careers advice and support at any point in an individual's career."

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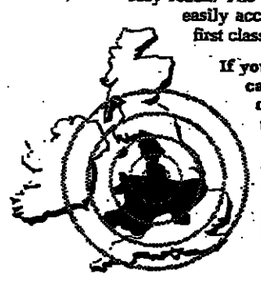
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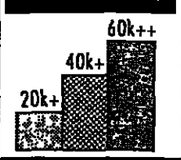
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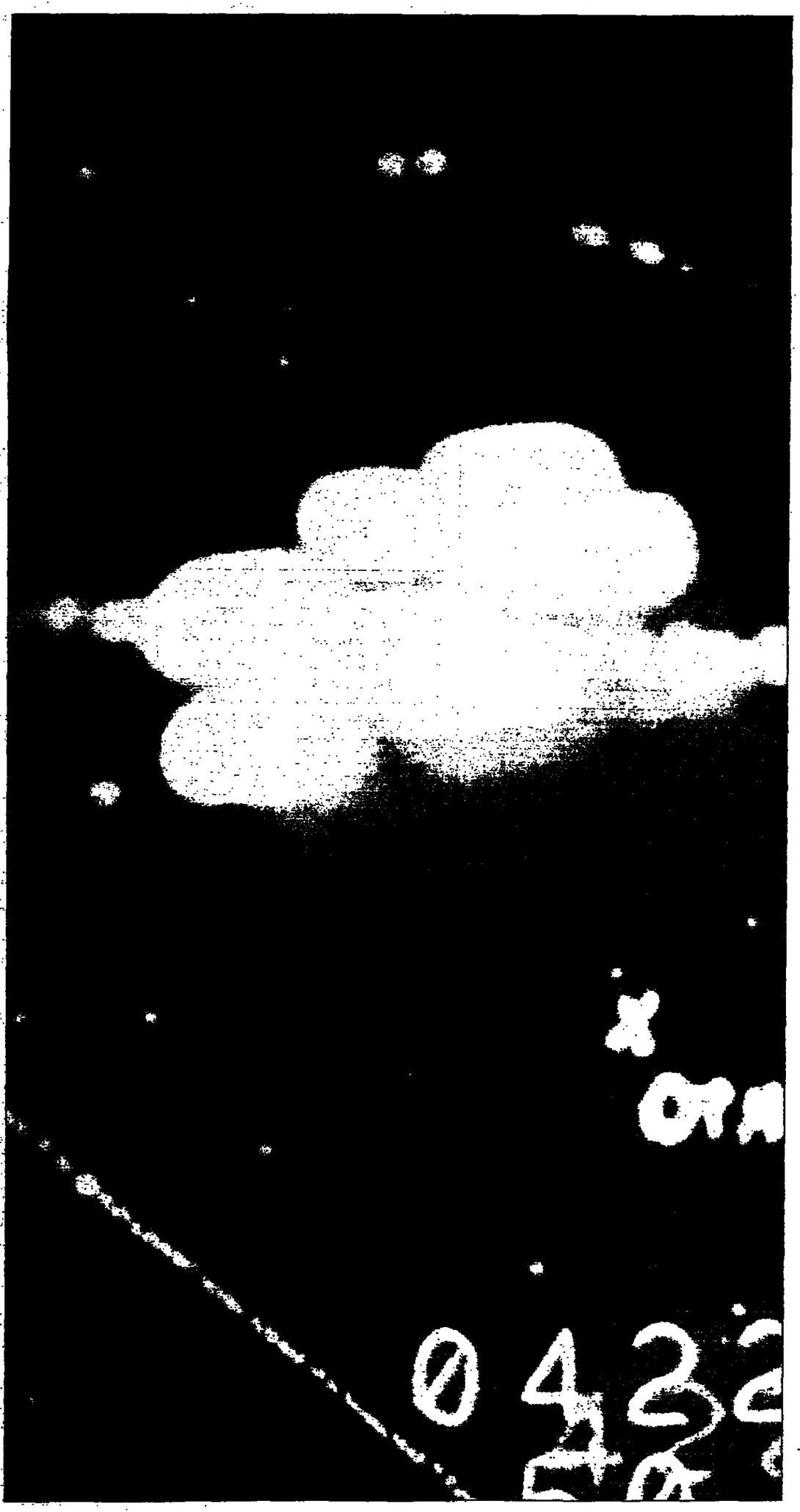
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Sportsmanship in football

From Mr Richard Tarr

Sir, I feel it necessary to highlight another side to the Premier League proposals which has received little attention so far. I know the old tradition of British amateurism is dying, as proved by John Barnes's demands on Liverpool in order to keep him.

But it is surely of concern what such money within the game will do to the level of sportsmanship. It's hard to believe that soaring wages aren't linked to a continental style of fair play creeping into our game.

Stakes are now so high that players may start becoming even more devious. The spitting, diving, foul play and even occasional bribery abroad is not due to players' pride in the-will-to-win. It is learnt alongside the need to satisfy demanding club presidents and fans. We have enough player pressure already without increasing it.

Unfortunately, Graham Taylor has confirmed the worst of our fears by saying not a lot of thought but quite a lot of greed has gone into the blueprint for football.

Yours faithfully,
RICHARD TARR,
24, Odecroft,
Ravensthorpe,
Peterborough.

Devalued

From Mr Simon Cairns

Sir, I was dismayed to read of Selhurst Park not being ready for the opening day of the football season after 14 weeks (August 14). Surely the whole episode has devalued the Football League yet again? Was it no surprise that Leeds United first found out about the possibility of a postponement of their match with Crystal Palace through the press?

No doubt the League will deduct Palace two or three points and then reduce this punishment to a fine following an appeal, as it did with Tottenham Hotspur the season before last.

This is little comfort to the Leeds supporters who had bought tickets, made travel arrangements, returned early from holidays etc., and are now faced with a 450-mile round-trip on a midweek night.

Yours faithfully,
SIMON CAIRNS,
5, Broomfield,
Adel, Leeds.

Unpopular move

From Mr Bill McComish

Sir, The Football Association's plans for a Premier League are very unpopular with supporters as your report suggests (August 19). Quite simply, this is because it is the Premier League itself, with its arbitrary standards for ground size, and its inability to confirm how many teams will take part, which poses the greatest threat to promotion and relegation based on playing record alone.

Ironically, Newcastle United's concern for their supporters does not seem to include consulting their views.

Yours faithfully,
BILL MCCOMISH,
28, Parkdale Road, SE18.

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Missing enlightenment

From Mr Giles Firbank,

Sir, Who exactly do these killjoys in the Test and County Cricket Board think they are to deprive us of a proposed television commentary on Sky TV by Mike Gatting? (August 14).

All he had stood to accomplish was a little elucidation and enlightenment about cricket's idiosyncrasies and intricacies whilst he was actually participating in the process of a game.

I saw in the 1960s a replica on TV featuring a portly Denis Compton intoning how, in effect, "Now I'm going to fox him with a Chinaman." When that ploy predictably floundered, he would forthwith pant, "Now I suppose I'd better fool him with something more orthodox," etc., etc.

It was all rather fun and harmless and even comical when the unexpected supervened.

What harm could another rotund figure, and county captain in his mature mid-thirties, provide with a counterpart version for all our delectation and delight? What possible objections could our pristine masters within the TCCB have to promoting our national game for the enlightened and even unenlightened?

The Puritans objected to bear-baiting, not because it was cruel but because it gave pleasure to the spectators.

Yours faithfully,
GILES FIRBANK,
Nutshalling,
Norlands Drive,
Otterbourne,
Winchester, Hants.

From Mr C. J. F. Pavey

Sir, It is clear from Law 8:1 that stumps are required to be made (entirely) of wood. Presumably the TCCB, which according to Ivo Tennant (August 4) "has no objection to the use of a camera in a stump," will be suggesting to MCC that the law should be amended. Meanwhile, is it not incumbent on all umpires (including and particularly those standing in high-profile matches) to insist that the present law is complied with?

Yours faithfully,
C. J. F. PAVEY,
35 The Avenue
Camberley, Surrey

Choice of captain

From Mr Keith Martin

Sir, One almost despairs when one reads (August 15) of the deliberations over who should be English cricket captain and, particularly at the moment, vice-captain.

Graham Gooch is far from a master tactician as a captain and the same, in the series just ended, was true of Vivian Richards. Both sides, in the shape of Micky Stewart and Lance Gibbs, had managers to provide expert guidance. Why not, therefore, pick the best team available and then work out who, from that side, would be the most suitable captain?

With a captain like Mike Brearley there was a strong case for picking a specific player for the job. But players like Brearley are rare indeed. I cannot think of any currently playing first class cricket who would merit selection as a captain alone.

Yours faithfully,
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38 Mitchley Road, N17

Comment on social dimension of rowing

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HUGH ROUTLEDGE

Magnificent Star, right, gets up to beat Jet Ski Lady by a short head in yesterday's Yorkshire Oaks

Deposki leaves rivals floundering

By MICHAEL SEELY
RACING CORRESPONDENT

FOR the second day running, heavy artificial watering produced false racing conditions at York yesterday as Deposki played hare and hounds with his 21 rivals in the Tote Ebor Handicap. Deposki, a 12-1 chance, won by five lengths to give Michael Stoute his second win in the race.

Enterprisingly ridden by Frank Norton, Deposki was taken to the front after a furlong and went clear early in the straight to win unchallenged from Tidemark. Roll A Dollar finished third but was promoted to second after a stewards' enquiry.

Throughout this meeting front-runners have been favoured and horses have found it impossible to come from behind.

Luca Cumani, Tidemark's handler, was a vociferous critic of John Smith, the clerk of the course. "I'm not talking about Tidemark as he can go in any ground. But, quite frankly, the ground is atrocious. It's a joke. They have over-watered.

"You only have to look at yesterday's results and the times. And they watered again last night. It's made it false. Along the far rail there is a much faster path which makes it difficult to overtake horses racing on it."

Cumani is chairman of the flat committee of the National Trainers' Federation and his body is considering lodging a complaint to the Jockey Club.

Significantly, both Alan Harrison, trainer of the 8-1 favourite Highflying, who finished last, and John Lowe, the jockey on the strongly-fancied Rinja, who finished eleventh, had voiced misgivings about the going beforehand.

An unrepentant Smith said: "I have had some trainers who are very happy, others who have said I have overwatered. We have only had 1.2 inches of rain since July and I was trying to get good ground for this meeting. The only way I could do that was by watering. A senior Jockey Club official walked the course today and was happy with the ground."

In the group one Yorkshire Oaks, Magnificent Star came storming up the far rails to catch Jet Ski Lady close home and win by a short head.

Mohammed Moubarak, the winning owner, said: "My filly failed to handle the course at Epsom and is much better suited by a level track."

The remarkable Jack Berry brought his total to 128 and passed last season's personal best of 127 when landing a double with Another Episode and Food Of Love.

Dilum humbled by River Falls

By RICHARD EVANS

RICHARD Hannon and Tony Budge are fast turning the Scottish Equitable Gimcrack Stakes into a personal benefit.

River Falls yesterday provided the trainer and owner with their third winner of the race in four years as the Aragon colt floored Dilum, the 7-4 on favourite.

Dilum was never travelling well on the water-softened ground and trailed in almost eight lengths behind in fourth place.

Bruce Raymond had the race won well before the final furlong and said: "River Falls is one of the best two-year-olds I have ridden. I think he has classic potential."

River Falls will run in the Champagne Stakes at Doncaster before being put away for the season. The result led to a shake-up in the 2,000 Guineas betting with Charlie Nelson's unbeaten Arzic Tracker replacing Dilum at favourite. River Falls was best-priced 25-1 with Ladbrokes.

Nothing should be allowed to devalue the merit of River Falls' victory although, interestingly, Willie Gibbs, the Jockey Club's senior handicapper, is ignoring Dilum's performance for rating purposes "in view of the unusual conditions."

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Elbio can repel all raiders in battle for sprint honours

THE final day of York's Ebor meeting offers a truly international field for the Keeneland Nunthorpe Stakes.

The favourite is the French raider Divine Danse, while Ireland is represented by Title Roll and the United States has a challenger for this group one race for the second successive year, this time with Klassy Briefcase.

Closer to home, the presence of Jack Berry's two-year-old, Paris House, adds a further dimension to this fascinating contest.

However, I am confident that Elbio will resist all-comers to land the prize for Wiltshire trainer Peter Makin. The four-year-old, who missed the latter half of last season through injury, has progressed from handicapper to group winner this season.

The son of Precocious won the Palace House Stakes, Temple Stakes and King's Stand Stakes — all over the minimum trip — before giving best to Polish Patriot and Lycius in the July Cup over six furlongs.

Makin asserts that it was a muddling early pace and not the extra furlong that was his charge's downfall. Either way, today's five furlongs should be in his favour.

Criquette Head decided to return Divine Danse to sprinting after an unsuccessful foray as a miler, and the filly has since won two races over five and six furlongs.

In her most recent victory at Evry last month, she beat Roman Prose, a winner of the Portland Handicap when trained in this country by Gerald Cottrell. But while Roman Prose has undoubtedly improved with age, winning the group two Prix Maurice de Gheest at Deauville on his next run, I am not convinced that this represents group one form.

Title Roll, trained by Tommy Stack, has already made one successful trip across the Irish Sea when beating Food Of Love in the King George Stakes at Goodwood three weeks ago but may not have the class to trouble my selection.

Klassy Briefcase has made the journey from New Jersey, and her trainer, Phil Serpe, believes she will fare better than Mr Nickerson, last year's transatlantic challenger, who was finished seventh behind Dayjur.

The six-year-old mare has won 18 of her 40 starts and holds the American five-furlong turf record. She will probably try to make all the running but this is her first outing against colts and her inexperience of European racing may rule against her.

Paris House would prove a popular winner for her trainer but Ennis, in 1956, was the last two-year-old to win this race and Paris House has already had a busy season.

For the nap I turn to **Starlight Flyer** in the Bradford & Bingley Handicap. Although beaten by two of his rivals, Polonez Prima and Band On The Run, at Haydock earlier this month, Starlight Flyer is capable of reversing those placings and this consistent type can prove the answer to a typically tricky handicap.

Sahara Star proved herself one of the season's best juvenile fillies when winning the *Molecomb Stakes at Goodwood* and can enhance her reputation at the expense of Culture Vulture in the Lowther Stakes.

Finally, Luca Cumani and Lanfranco Dettori can land a double with **Royal Blue Bell** in the City Of York Stakes and **Jack Lang** in the Knavesmire Handicap.

Holland keeping both feet on the ground

By PAUL WHEELER

IF THE road to hell is paved with good intentions, then the path to the jockeys' championship is strewn with the broken dreams of promising apprentices who have flattered only to deceive.

Pat Eddery, champion apprentice in 1971, is the last to have fought his way to the top of the tree. The mantle of "bright young hope" has proved too much for most of his successors — with the possible exception of Lanfranco Dettori — who have found that getting near the top is one thing, staying there is a far tougher game.

The latest rookie to be put through this character mangle is *Darryll Holland. Only 19, he is* well on his way to the apprentice title and acutely aware that, with



Holland: first group one ride on Paris House

burgeoning fame, has come the *pressure of expectation.* "*A lot* of people are watching me — not just the way I ride but also how I present myself. There are a lot of eyes on me, but that's better than none at all."

Now is the time when fair-weather friends will abound, but Holland is doing his best to be mindful of the pitfalls. "You've got to be level-headed to survive. I've just bought a house about five minutes away from the yard. I've saved my money *and I think it's good to invest in* property."

He rides principally for Barry Hills, whom he joined as a 16-year-old school-leaver, and he is swift to pay tribute to the trainer's part in his success. "The guv'nor has given me a lot of good advice, not just about riding, but also how to handle the rest of it. And he tells me when I get it wrong, which is good."

Holland is one of the new breed of jockeys who have adopted the low-slung American style. Both Alan Munro and Lanfranco Dettori have shown *that it can be as effective at* Ascot as at Aqueduct. "I took parts of what they did and adapted it to my own style," Holland says.

However, if Holland felt that his style was already as American as "mom's apple pie", he received a rude awakening when he spent three months riding work for Gary Jones in California last winter. Jones watched him in action and offered this summation. "You ride like a monkey up a stick, but I'm sure we can get you *right*."

As Holland explains: "He taught me about timing and pace. Now I feel more confident when I'm riding from the front."

While he is now on the crest of a wave, his career did not have the perfect start. "My first ride was at Newbury on a horse called Budapest two seasons ago. *He totally took the mickey* out of me and finished last. Then he went and won at 25-1. It was a disaster, but then Pat Eddery finished last on his first ride, didn't he?"

The graph has been upward ever since. On Tuesday he rode a York double, including his first listed race winner in this country, and today the *wunderkind* has his first ride in a group one race when the Jack Berry-trained juvenile Paris House takes on older horses in the Nunthorpe Stakes.

"It's pretty hot company and the two-year-olds don't have a very good record in the race. But if you don't compete you can't win, and he's a tough horse."

YORK

MANDARIN	THUNDERER	MICHAEL SEELY
2.05 Tiger Flower	2.05 TIGER FLOWER (nap).	2.35 WESAAM (nap).
2.35 Wesaam.	2.35 Wesaam.	*3.10 Divine Danse.*
3.10 Elbio.	3.10 Elbio.	4.15 Culture Vulture.
3.45 STARLIGHT FLYER (nap).	3.45 Regal Sabre.	
4.15 Sahara Star.	4.15 Sahara Star.	
4.45 Royal Blue Bell.	4.45 Norton Challenger.	
5.15 Jack Lang.	5.15 Dale Hill Idea.	

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 4.15 Sahara Star. 4.45 Royal Blue Bell.

GOING: GOOD DRAW: 5F-6F, LOW NUMBERS BEST SIS

2.05 GALTRES STAKES C4
(Listed race: fillies and mares: £14,230: 1m 3f 195yd) (9 runners)

101	(2)	133411	BREYANI 17 (D,G,S) (Mrs D Nagle) T Stack (Ire) 4-8-4	L Piggott	93
102	(4)	6056-22	SPURNED 7 (BF,F) I Balding I Balding 4-9-4	R Cochrane	85
103	(3)	13-20	TIGER FLOWER 28 (F) (Sheikh Mohammed) H Cecil 4-9-4	S Cauthen	99
104	(9)	000113	YOU KNOW THE RULES 17 (F,S,S) (J Henwood) M Channon 4-9-4	C Rutter	91
105	(8)	0-13	ALWAYS FRIENDLY 8 (S) (F Salman) H Candy 3-8-8	A Munro	90
106	(6)	5-2331	HELEN'S BOWER 20 (F) (Lord Weinstock) N Graham 3-8-8	W R Swinburn	77
107	(7)	6-1	HIGHBROOK 12 (G) (K Abdulla) J Goeden 3-8-8	Pat Eddery	76
108	(1)	21	*NIBBS POINT 19 (G) (Lady Halifax) L Cumani 3-8-8*	L Dettori	81
109	(5)	03-133	NORTH WIND 19 (G) (HRH Princess Michael of Kent) B Hills 3-8-6	W Carson	96

BETTING: 3-1 Tiger Flower, 9-2 North Wind, 5-1 Highbrook, 7-1 Nibbs Point, 8-1 Always Friendly, 12-1 Breyani, 14-1 Spurned, 15-1 You Know The Rules, 20-1 Helens Bower.

1990: MADRIYA 3-8-8 L Dettori (15-2) L Cumani 12 ran

FORM FOCUS

SPURNED head 2nd to Petite Roseyna in a handicap at Salisbury (1m 2f, firm). TIGER FLOWER head 2nd to Mukddaam at Newmarket (1m 4f, good) on penultimate start. YOU KNOW THE RULES beat Fire Top 1½l in a valuable handicap at Sandown (1m 2f, good) on penultimate start. ALWAYS FRIENDLY 4l 3rd to Gai Bulga at Salisbury (1m 2f, firm) HELEN'S BOWER beat My Polished Corner 1½l in a maiden at Edinburgh (1m 3f, good to firm). HIGHBROOK easily beat Rudimentary 5l in a maiden at Newmarket (1m 2f, good). NIBBS POINT dead-heated with Dagger Point at Windsor (1m 2f, good). NORTH WIND 10½l 3rd to Ruby Tiger in group II Vodafone Nassau Stakes at Goodwood (1m 2f, good to firm). Previously, 1½l 3rd to Peplum at Chester (1m 3f 110yd, good).
Selection: TIGER FLOWER

2.35 MOORESTYLE CONVIVIAL MAIDEN STAKES C4
(2-Y-O: £7,635: 6f) (11 runners)

201	(5)	2	BENEFACT 19 (M Peters) D Arbuthnot 9-0	T Quinn	91
202	(11)	5	*COCOS ISLAND 33 (R Sangster) P Chapple-Hyam 9-0*	S Cauthen	99
203	(4)	33	CRESTWOOD LAD 20 (A Shelton) J Berry 9-0	L Piggott	94
204	(1)		GREAT PALM (F Salman) P Cole 9-0	A Munro	—
205	(6)	6	HADAAD 54 (Maktoum Al-Maktoum) A Scott 9-0	Pat Eddery	89
206	(2)	0	*MERLINS WISH 34 (J Lazzari) R Hannon 9-0*	B Raymond	—
207	(10)		STRAW THATCH (D McKenzie) C Booth 9-0	K Fallon	—
208	(3)		WESAAM (Hamdan Al-Maktoum) W Hern 9-0	W Carson	—
209	(7)		AIDE MEMOIRE (A Lyons) C Booth 8-9	L Dettori	—
210	(9)		HESTER STANHOPE (Mrs P Harris) P Harris 8-9	W R Swinburn	—
211	(8)	3	PARFAIT AMOUR 12 (Mrs G Wilkinson) R Whitaker 8-9	A Culhane	97

BETTING: 2-1 Wesaam, 4-1 Great Palm, 8-1 Benefact, 7-1 Parfait Amour, 8-1 Cocos Island, 10-1 Hadaad, 12-1 Aide Memoire, 16-1 others.

1990: JALLAD 9-0 W Carson (11-4) P Walwyn 10 ran

FORM FOCUS

BENEFACT 1l 2nd to Aedean at Windsor (6l, good), COCOS ISLAND 9½l 5th to Artic Tracker at Newbury (7f, good to firm). CRESTWOOD LAD 7½l 3rd to Mubaheth at Goodwood (6f, good). HADAAD distant 8th of 7 to Artic Tracker at Newmarket (7f, good). MERLINS WISH 11l 10th to Night Manoeuvres at Newbury (6f, good). PARFAIT AMOUR 3½l 3rd of 7 to Panchellita at Redcar (6f, good to firm). GREAT PALM (foaled Apr 8, cost $200,000) is by champion middle-distance colt Manila, half-brother to grade III winning sprinter Black Tie Affair. STRAW THATCH (Feb 1, 27,000gns) is by Thatching out of 6l-1m winner Lashing. WESAAM (Feb 16, $650,000) is by Riverman out of grade I Spinaway Stakes winner Share The Fantasy. HESTER STANHOPE (Jan 19) is by Lomond, 3rd foal of Nell Gwynn Stakes winner Martha Stevens.
No selection

3.10 KEENELAND NUNTHORPE STAKES C4
(Group I: £89,262: 5f) (9 runners)

301	(1)	2010-60	BLYTON LAD 21 (D,F,G) (Mrs J Addleshaw) W Pearce 5-9-5	S Webster	78
302	(5)	0-21113	ELBIO 42 (D,BF,F,G,S) (B Brackpool) P Makin 4-9-6	S Cauthen	95
303	(2)	4000-00	POYLE GEORGE 21 (D,F,G,S) (C Wiggins) D Elsworth 5-8-6	L Piggott	72
304	(4)	0-3210	DUPLICITY 83 (F) (J Khan) L Holt 3-8-3	J Reid	82
305	(9)	2-15111	KLASSY BRIEFCASE 32 (F,G) (H Minassian) P Serpe (US) 6-9-3	J Ferrer	—
306	(3)	0-1214	SHEIKH ALBADOU 54 (C,BF,F,G) (H Salem) A Scott 3-9-3	Pat Eddery	89
307	(7)	33-2411	DIVINE DANSE 42 (D,G,S) (Ecurie Aland) Mme C Head (Fr) 3-9-0	F Head	99
308	(5)	245521	TITLE ROLL 21 (D,G) (R Sangster) T Stack (Ire) 3-9-0	W Carson	81
309	(8)	111121	PARIS HOUSE 33 (D,F,G,S) (P Chandler) J Berry 2-7-10	D Holland	80

BETTING: 8-4 Divine Danse, 9-4 Elbio, 6-1 Sheikh Albadou, 8-1 Klassy Briefcase, 10-1 Title Roll, 12-1 Paris House, 50-1 Blyton Lad, Poyle George, 100-1 Duplicity.

1990: DAYJUR 3-9-3 W Carson (8-11 fav) W Hern 9 ran

FORM FOCUS

ELBIO 2½l 3rd to Polish Patriot in group I Carroll Foundation July Cup at Newmarket (6f, good). Previously, easily beat Irish Shoal 3l in group II King's Stand Stakes at Royal Ascot (5f, good to firm), with POYLE GEORGE 8l 7th.
SHEIKH ALBADOU 2½l 4th to La Grange Music in group II Van Geest Criterion Stakes at Newmarket (7f, good) Previously, won a valuable handicap over course and distance (good). DIVINE DANSE beat Roman Prose 1l in group III Prix de Ris-Orangis at Evry (6f, good). TITLE ROLL beat Food Of Love ¾l in group III King George V Stakes at Goodwood (5f, good), with POYLE GEORGE 1½l 7th, and BLYTON LAD ¾l 8th.
PARIS HOUSE beat Harvest Girl neck in a valuable auction race at Newbury (5f, good to firm). Previously, 1½l 2nd to Magic Ring in group III Norfolk Stakes at Royal Ascot (5f, good).
Selection: ELBIO

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Winners	Runners	Per cent	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	Per cent
H Cecil	33	96	34.4	D Holland	5	14	35.7
J Gosden	7	27	25.9	S Cauthen	49	197	24.9
D Elsworth	8	31	25.8	W R Swinburn	30	154	19.5
P Makin	3	12	25.0	Pat Eddery	40	209	19.1
M Stoute	29	118	24.6	L Dettori	12	69	17.4
R Holder	3	13	23.1	W Carson	30	187	16.0

(Not including yesterday's results)

SALISBURY

MANDARIN
5.30 Profit A Prendre. 6.00 Kestrel Forboxes. 6.30 Miss Nosey Parker. 7.00 White Blade. 7.30 Chiefs Babu. 8.00 Mountain Bloom.

THUNDERER
5.30 Joie De Rose. 6.00 Miss Sharpo. 6.30 Miss Nosey Parker. 7.00 White Blade. 7.30 Chiefs Babu. *8.00 Mountain Bloom.*

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM (WATERING)
DRAW: 5F-7F, HIGH NUMBERS BEST

5.30 WOODFORD APPRENTICE HANDICAP
(£2,742: 6f 212yd) (14 runners)

1		3208	CAROMISH 27 (D,S,S) M Usher 4-10-0	C Hodgson	9
2		0800	GROWN AT ROWAN 68 (D,F) M Madgwick 4-9-7	C Avery (3)	13
3		*3086*	*JUVENIARA 9 (F) R Hodgson 5-9-5*	S Dawson (3)	1
4		0340	SHAKE TOWN 8 G Harwood 3-9-5	J D Smith (5)	4
5		6002	PROFIT A PRENDRE 13 (D,BF,G,S) D Wilson 7-9-3	S O'Gorman	11
6		140	PITT CLUB 29 (S,G) I Balding 3-9-2	G McGaffin (3)	2
7		*0432*	*SILVER CONCORD 9 (BF) J Eustace 3-8-5*	T McLaughlin (3)	14
8		0005	JOIE DE ROSE 10 (CD,F,S) M Blanshard 5-8-5	J Hunter (3)	12
9		0100	TENDRESSE 7 (D,F) C Hill 3-8-2	A Tucker	3
10		4-05	PEGGOTTY 31 P Hayward 3-8-0	B Doyle	8
11		2060	MAJOR JACKO 8 (V,D,F,S) R Hannon 8-7-11	Wendy Jones (7)	10
12		0420	INSWINGER 129 W Wightman 5-7-8	A Garth (3)	5
13		0000	SPORTING WEDNESDAY 70 (C,D,F) K Cunningham-Brown 6-7-6R	Price	5
14		3502	FOO FOO 8 D Marks 3-7-7	David Williams (3)	7

5-1 Silver Concord, 6-1 Joie De Rose, 7-1 Profit A Prendre, 8-1 Snake Town, 9-1 Tendresse, 10-1 Foo Foo, Pitt Club, 12-1 others.

6.00 ODSTOCK CLAIMING STAKES
(3-Y-O: £2,826: 6f 212yd) (9)

1		1141	KESTREL FORBOXES 8 (D,F) J Berry 9-2	J Carroll	5
2		1256	MISS SHARPO 19 (V,D,F) R Hannon 8-8	J Reid	8
3		0-	ABBEY GREEN 492 C Hill 8-7	NON-RUNNER	4
4		0600	EURO MARK 16 M Madgwick 8-7	B Rouse	2
5		0664	CAPITAL BOND 29 R Holder 8-6	J Williams	3
6		0-00	SEASIDE MINSTREL 19 (F) C Hill 8-5	N Adams	7
7			LISBON LASS P Howling 8-2	T Williams	9
8		000-	PERSIAN SATAN 318 C Hill 8-1	A Tucker	5
9		6-00	JANE'S FANTASY 15 (B) M Usher 8-0	C Rutter	1

11-10 Kestrel Forboxes, 7-4 Miss Sharpo, 8-1 Capital Bond, 20-1 Seaside Minstrel, 25-1 others.

Blinkered first time

SALISBURY: 5.30 Pitt Club. 6.00 Miss Sharpo, Janes Fantasy. YORK: 4.45 Vintage Only. YARMOUTH: 2.50 Miss Pin Up. 3.25 Give Me Hope. 4.00 Emie.

6.30 NIGHTFALL STAKES
(2-Y-O: £3,525: 5f) (4)

1		2120	BIT-A-MAGIC 33 (D,F,G) J Berry 9-5	J Carroll	2
2		1223	MISS NOSEY PARKER 5 (D,BF,S) R Hannon 8-11	R Perham (5)	1
3		6	SAIFAN 50 J Fox 8-11	J Williams	4
24		000	BELTHORN 12 J Bridger 8-8	T Williams	3

4-6 Miss Nosey Parker, 11-8 Bit-A-Magic, 20-1 Saifan, 25-1 Belthorn.

7.00 BBC WILTSHIRE SOUND NURSERY HANDICAP (2-Y-O: £2,905: 6f 212yd) (7)

1		14	BOBZAO 33 (S) W Carter 9-7	T Williams	3
2		1	WHITE BLADE 15 (D,F) G Harwood 9-6	A Clark	2
3		004	NATIVE CHIEFTAN 15 R Hannon 8-13	R Perham (5)	5
4		411	PHONE HOME 40 (D,G) J Fanshawe 8-13	W Newnes	4
5		003	PEARLY WHITE 14 G Balding 7-13	S O'Gorman (3)	6
6		242	TREASURE TROVE 62 M Bell 7-13	A Munro	7
7		3064	LADY OF LETTERS 27 T Thomson Jones 7-7	N Adams	1

11-4 White Blade, 4-1 Bobzao, 9-2 Phone Home, 11-2 Treasure Trove, 13-2 Pearly White, 7-1 Native Chieftain, 10-1 Lady Of Letters.

7.30 NETTON HANDICAP
(£4,581: 1m 1f 209yd) (5)

1		4121	KNOCK KNOCK 18 (CD,F,G) I Balding 5-8-10	S O'Gorman (3)	6
2		31-0	EASTERN MAGIC 12 (C,G) J Hills 3-8-6	B Rouse	4
3		1112	CHIEFS BABU 78 (BF,F,G) B Hanbury 3-9-1	L Dettori	3
4		-446	JANBYA 49 (G) H Thomson Jones 3-8-13	A Munro	2
5		1041	MODESTO 15 (B,D,G,S) K Cunningham-Brown 3-8-13	S Dawson	5
6		048	VALIANT WARRIOR 35 (BF) H Candy 3-7-12	C Rutter	1

11-4 Modesto, 7-2 Janbiya, 9-2 Chiefs Babu, 5-1 Knock Knock, Valiant Warrior, 10-1 Eastern Magic.

8.00 NETHERAVON MAIDEN FILLIES STAKES (3-Y-O: £2,325: 1m 4f) (10)

1		44-0	AIR OF ELEGANCE 34 I Balding 8-11	J Reid	10
2		*0000*	*BIRD OF PEACE 10 D Laing 8-11*	W Newnes	3
3		4	CASILLA 43 H Candy 8-11	C Rutter	7
4		5-0	CHESNUT TREE 83 Lord Huntingdon 8-11	A Munro	8
5		0-	EASTER TERM 516 B Millman 8-11	J Williams	1
6			HAVE A CARE R Charlton 8-11	S Raymont	2
7		4	*IMKALA 23 J Eustace 8-11*	T Quinn	4
8			MARTIYA G Balding 8-11	N Adams	5
9		652	MOUNTAIN BLOOM 33 L Cumani 8-11	L Dettori	9
10			SPITFIRE GIRL R Charlton 8-11	T Rogers	6

13-8 Mountain Bloom, 7-2 Iriska, 9-2 Chesnut Tree, 7-1 Have A Care, 10-1 Spitfire Girl, Air Of Elegance, 16-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: J Fanshawe, 3 winners from 6 runners, 50.0%; G Harwood, 30 from 97, 30.9%; L Cumani, 5 from 22, 27.3%; R Charlton, 4 from 17, 23.5%; K Cunningham-Brown, 6 from 27, 22.2%; I Balding, 21 from 125, 16.8%.

JOCKEYS: A Munro, 7 winners from 32 rides, 21.9%; R Price, 6 from 34, 17.6%; A Clark, 7 from 43, 16.3%; J Reid, 18 from 118, 13.6%; A Tucker, 3 from 22, 13.6%; S O'Gorman, 4 from 38, 10.3%.

RESULTS FROM YESTERDAY'S THREE MEETINGS

York

Going: good

2.05 (6f) 1, THRIE-NA-HELAH (A Culhane, 13-2 fav); 2, She's Special (A Munro, 8-1); 3, *Christian Warrior (B Rouse, 8-1). ALSO* RAN: 7 Chumnay's Dilemma (4th), 8 Elephant Point, Pop To Stans, 10 Down Marley, Thornton Gate (5th), 12 Leonedis Polit, All The Girls, 14 Makeminemusic, Specialist Dream, Early Morning Lady, 16 Grey But Rosy (6th), Spanish Performer, 20 In The Masses, 25 Mendrisa, 33 Brambles Way, Spy In The Sky, Cherry Bob, Stylish Dutch. 21 ran. NR: Speed Oil, Daily Sport August. Hd, *Sl, 2¾l, ½l, nk, R Whitaker at Wetherby.* Tote: £5.90; £2.30, £2.60, £3.40. DF: £15.10. CSF: £84.69. 1min 15.10sec.

2.35 ASTON UPTHORPE YORKSHIRE OAKS (Group I: fillies and mares: £75,640: 1m 3f 195yd)
MAGNIFICENT STAR b f Silver Hawk — Guinar (Ecurie Fustok) 3-8-11 A Cruz (16-1) 1.
Jet Skil Lady ch f Vaguely Noble — Bemissed (Maktoum Al-Maktoum) 3-8-11 Pat Eddery (7-4) 2.
Shamshir ch f Kris — Free Guest (Sheikh Mohammed) 3-8-11 L Dettori (9-1) 3.
ALSO RAN: 13-8 fav Possessive Dancer (5th), 8 Gussy Marlowe, Third Watch (4th), 50 Fits (6th). 7 ran. Sh hd, 5l, ¾l, 2l, 15l, M Mouberak at Newmarket. Tote: £25.60; £5.30, £1.40. DF: £31.10. CSF: £41.80. 2min 35.82sec. After a stewards' enquiry, result stood.

3.10 (1m 5f 194yd) 1, DEPOSKI (F Norton, 12-1); 2, Roll A Dollar (B Rouse, 33-1); 3, Tidemark (L Dettori, 9-1); 4, Shambo (M Roberts, 16-1). *ALSO RAN: 8 fav Highflying,* 9 First Victory (5th), Shehi, Rinja, 10 Endoll (5th), 14 Majestic Image, Barrish, 15 Comstock, 20 Ashweyled, 25 Secret Waters, Lit And Lovel, Secret Society, 33 Castle Courageous, Westholme, 50 Mill House, Bean Quest, 100 My Chiara, Canny Chronicle. 22 ran. 5l, 1½l, ½l, 3l, nk. M Stoute at Newmarket. Tote: £17.20; £3.70, £6.60, £2.20, £4.10. DF: £966.50. Trio: £1480.60. CSF: £303.84. Tricast: £3,843.62. 3min 03.48sec. Tidemark finished second but after a stewards' enquiry was placed third.

3.45 SCOTTISH EQUITABLE GIMCRACK STAKES (Group II: 2-Y-O colts and geldings: £49,830: 6f)
RIVER FALLS b c Aragon — More Fizz (A F Budge (Equine) Ltd) 9-0 B Raymond (9-4) 1.
Taylor Gilpley b c Taylor's Falls — Heather's Turn (Aghem House Stud) 9-0 M Roberts (33-1) 2.
Prince Ferdinand b c King Of Spain — Greenseard Blaze (Miss J Winch) 9-0 J Reid (20-1) 3.
ALSO RAN: 4-7 fav Dilum (4th), 16 Sammy Stew (5th). 5 ran. 3½l, 4l, nk, 25l. R Hannon at East Everleigh. Tote: £3.50; £1.30, £3.00. DF: £22.00. CSF: £32.01. 1min 13.72sec.

4.15 (1m 205yd) 1, PALATIAL STYLE (M Birch, 8-1); 2, Dawn Success (M Roberts, 25-1); 3, Elton Lad (Pat Eddery, 14-1). 4, High Premium (D Holland, 8-1). ALSO RAN: 13-2 fav Run Rings, 8 Mellottie, Kafeboy, 11 Al Anba, 12 Self Expression, Troupe (5th), 14 Danzarin, Glassblower, Granitton Bay, 20 Good Profile, Regent Lad, 25 Bold Bostonian (6th), Magic Secret, Hebera, 33 Overpower, 100 Robinson, Master Glen. 21 ran. 2l, ½l, 3½l, nk, 1½l. M H Easterby at Great Habton. Tote: £9.70; £2.30, £4.20, £3.60, £2.10. DF: £152.40. Trio: £1,141.60. CSF: £182.75. Tricast: £2,539.61. 1min 53.28sec.

4.45 (5f) 1, ANOTHER EPISODE (J Carroll, 8-1); 2, Fair Crack (Pat Eddery, 7-4 fav); 3, Regal Chimes (A Munro, 6-1). ALSO RAN: 6 *Storm Melody (5th), 10 Ash (6th), 14 Blue* Tiger (4th). 6 ran. 2l, 1l, 3l, 11½l, ¾l. J Berry at Cockerham. Tote: £2.70; £1.50, £1.80. DF: £2.60. CSF: £5.29. 1min 00.85sec.

5.15 (5f) 1, FOOD OF LOVE (J Carroll, 6-1); 2, Sarcita (W Carson, 9-4 fav); 3, Tango Time (N Carlisle, 7-2). ALSO RAN: 8 Pellum, 9 Heaven-Liegh-Grey, 10 Dominio (6th), 11 Sir Henry Hardman (4th), 12 She's Smart (5th), 14 On The Edge, 20 Sir Of A Lark. 10 ran. 1½l, ¾l, 1½l, 4l, 1½l, 4l, J Berry at Cockerham. Tote: £5.90; £1.80, £1.70, £2.00. DF: £7.50. CSF: £20.19. Tricast: £52.18. 1min 00.21sec.

Jackpot: not won (pool of £22,018.10 carried forward to York today). Placepot: £551.90.

Yarmouth

Going: firm

2.20 (1m 5f 17yd) 1, PUNCH THE AIR (Lydia Pearce, 11-8 fav); 2, Sonic Signal (Yvonne Haynes, 16-1); 3, Bridgesmaid (Ms Sister, 15-2). ALSO RAN: 5 Intish, 9 Tumeric, 50 Rose Cut (5th), 8 ran. NR: Cathos, Nk, 2l, 7l, 8l, ¾l. W Haggas at *Newmarket. Tote: £2.80; £1.10, £2.30, £3.20.* DF: £10.30. CSF: £19.80. Tricast: £107.87.

2.50 (5f 43yd) 1, FARDOTS (G Duffield, 9-4 fav); 2, Tarney Como (Emma O'Gorman, 25-1); 3, Dorsyoudoes (J Williams, 9-2). ALSO RAN: 9-2 Flat Rate (5th), 6 Sir Singsby, 13-2 Coco Ocean, 12 Mr Sasley, Certain Lady, 14 Kertela, 33 Master Of The Hunt (6th), Princess Annie (4th). 11 ran. Sh hd, 1l, 1½l, 2l, 1½l. C Tinkler at Melton. Tote: £2.40; £1.40, £5.10, £1.80. DF: £79.40. CSF: £52.14. No bid.

3.25 (7f 2yd) 1, ANNABELLE ROYALE (S Turner, 4-1 fav); 2, Judgement Call (W Newnes, 7-1); 3, La Bamba (W Hood, 7-1). ALSO RAN: 4 fav Jokist, Can-Jay-Ay (4th), 12 Vuchterbacher, 16 Saboteur (5th), 20 Don't Give Up, 33 High Degree (5th), Scots Grey Lassie. 10 ran. 3½l, dd-ht, 2l, 1½l, 5l. Mrs N Macauley at Melton Mowbray. Tote: £3.60; £1.80, Judgement Call £2.20, La Bamba £2.30. DF: Annabelle Royale and Judgement Call, £12.80, Annabelle Royale and La Bamba £5.40. CSF: Annabelle Royale and Judgement Call, £13.68, Annabelle Royale and La Bamba, £13.88. Tricast: Annabelle Royale, Judgement Call and La Bamba, £76.58, Annabelle Royale, La Bamba and Judgement Call £76.58.

4.00 (6f 3yd) 1, EASY LINE (Mick Denaro, 15-2); 2, Ibdaahaf (G Baxter, 9-1); 3, Assignment (T Quinn, 5-1). ALSO RAN: 4 fav *Sully's Choice, 9-2 Miss Mehareinee (4th), 6* Letsbeonestabout, 8 Dry Point (5th), Restore (5th). 8 ran. 3l, ¾l, nk, 4l, ¾l. J Fellows at Newmarket. Tote: £9.30; £2.80, £2.80, £1.70. DF: £348.90. CSF: £61.87. Tricast: £331.88.

4.30 (1f 2yd) 1, MIDNIGHT AIR (A McGlone, 8-11 fav); 2, Jazz (R Hills, 9-4); 3, Congress (G Duffield, 13-2). ALSO RAN: 20 Bryerstix (4th), 33 Pippa's Place (5th). 5 ran. NR: Clear Sound. 1½l, 6l, 10l, 1l. H Cecil at Newmarket. Tote: £1.50; £1.30, £1.80. DF: £1.50. CSF: £2.84.

5.00 (1m 3yd) 1, LAXMI (V Bray, 7-2); 2, Aptaldale (J Weaver, 4-1); 3, Tohamah (S Davies, 11-4 fav). ALSO RAN: 11-2 Winter Hazel (6th), 6 Mashkoor, 7 Top Shereek (4th), 33 Lexus (5th). 7 ran. NR: La Pereet. Hd, ¾l, 3l, ½l, 8l. M Stoute at Newmarket. Tote: £* 90; £2.40, £2.70. DF: £12.50. CSF: £16.65.

5.30 (1m 3f 101yd) 1, FANCY ME (M Tebbutt, 8-1); 2, Photo Call (R Fox, 4-1 fav); 3, Jesters Farewell (W Newnes, 9-2). ALSO RAN: 13-2 Crosby Place, 7 Shadow Bird, *Roses Have Thorns (4th), 8 Lady Barska, 11* Flight Of Pleasure, 20 La Ballerina (5th), 25 Connal Melody, Red Secret, 33 Streaker (6th). 12 ran. 3l, ¾l, 1l, hd, 4l. W Jarvis at Newmarket. Tote: £7.70; £2.90, £1.50, £1.60. DF: £21.20. CSF: £23.63. Tricast: £111.10. After a stewards' enquiry, result stood.

Placepot: £44.10.

Fontwell Park

Going: firm

2.00 (2m 2f hdle) 1, Chimayo (M Richards, 3-1); 2, *Emalien (5-2)*; 3, Seskoe (50-1). Courage-Mon-Brave 10-11 fav. 5 ran. ¾l, 30l. P Hedger. Tote: £5.50; £1.80, £1.60. DF: £11.80. CSF: £10.03.

2.30 (2m 2f 110yd ch) 1, Run By Jove (A Jones, 11-4), 2, Final Movement (5-4 jt-fav); 3, Cherrygrove (5-4 jt-fav). 3 ran. 6l, 30l. J White. Tote: £2.60. DF: £2.40. CSF: £6.18.

3.00 (2m 2f hdle) 1, Sergeant At Arms (J Kavanagh, 5-1); 2, Glenstal Abbey (5-2); 3, Acrow Lord (11-10 fav). 5 ran. 5l, 3l. A Davison. Tote: £7.20; £2.60, £1.30. DF: £10.80. CSF: £16.22.

3.30 (2m 2f 110yd ch) 1, Never A Penny (D Morris, 6-4 fav); 2, Silver Cannon (7-4); 3, Ballysheehen (7-2). 4 ran. 10l, 20l. J Elliott. Tote: £2.20. DF: £2.00. CSF: £4.50.

4.00 (2m 2f hdle) 1, The Magus (H Davies, 4-7 fav); 2, Yana (Jon (50-1); 3, Midday Show (9-1). 5 ran. 3l, 10l. R Johnson Houghton. Tote: £1.50; £1.10, £3.70. DF: £27.40. CSF: £15.60.

4.30 (2m 2f hdle) 1, Solstice Bell (A Tory, 2-1); 2, Seven Sons (6-4 fav); 3, Swingtime Belle (25-1). 5 ran. NR: Ruling Dynasty, 4l, 8l. R Voorspuy. Tote: £2.80; £1.40, £1.30. DF: £2.00. CSF: £4.77.

Placepot: £137.00.

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CRICKET

Dale falls just short of a hundred as Warwickshire toil

By RICHARD STREETON

EDGBASTON (second day of three): Warwickshire, with eight second-innings wickets in hand, are 67 runs ahead of Glamorgan

FOR Warwickshire, the pendulum swung with a vengeance yesterday when Glamorgan batted with the same efficiency and sense of purpose that the championship leaders had shown on Tuesday. Adrian Dale and Ravi Shastri were the leading scorers for Glamorgan and Warwickshire only managed to get two bonus points for bowling.

Overall, the cricket, albeit with the roles reversed, was virtually a carbon copy of the previous day, though one important difference was that the pitch had lost some of its liveliness and there was certainly less bounce. Glamorgan declared 12 runs behind, leaving Warwickshire 18 overs to bat before the close. Paul Smith and Moles were dismissed before the end.

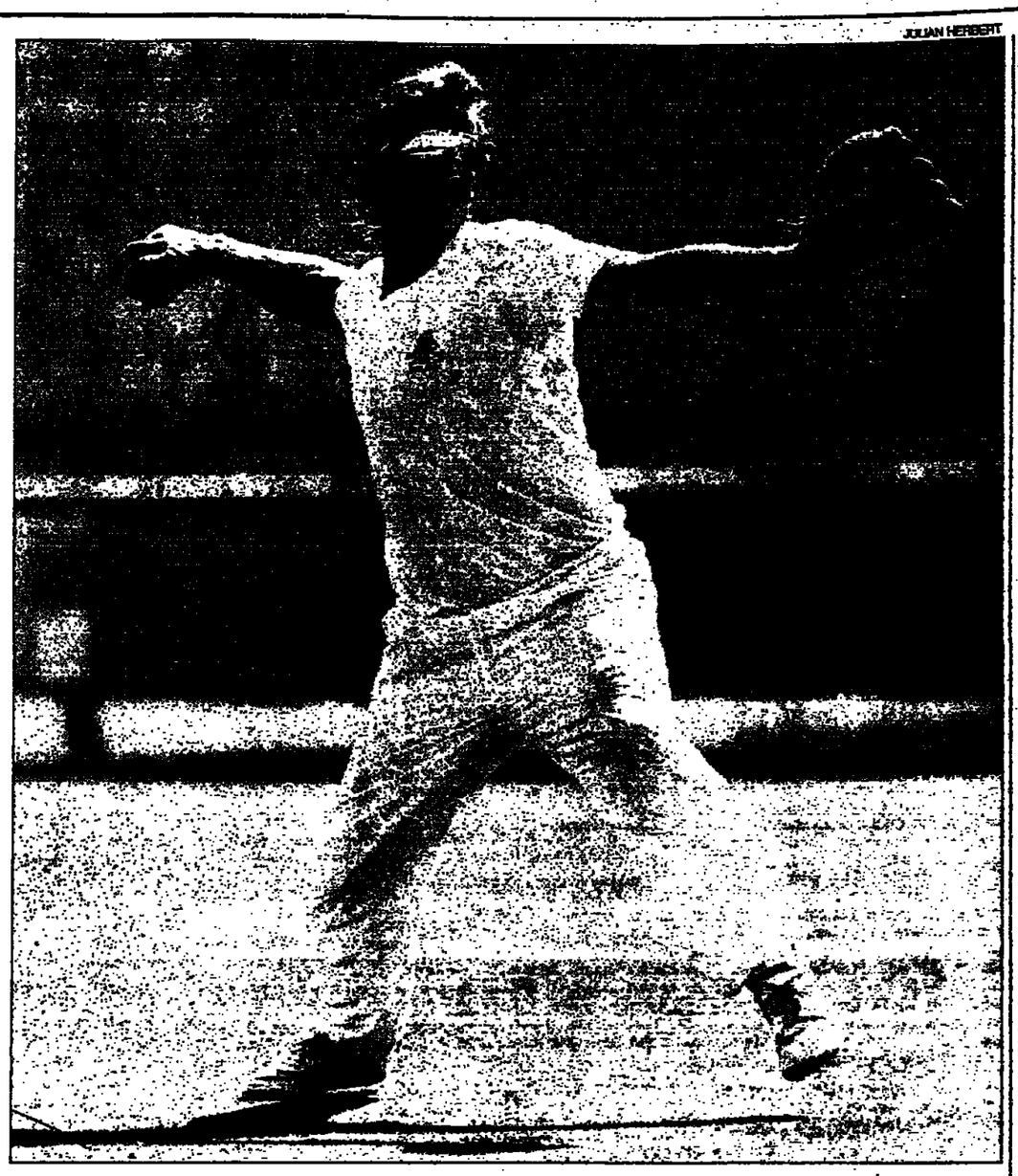
Everyone contributed as Glamorgan accumulated their runs with great certainty. Dale, who was missed by the wicketkeeper off Donald before he had scored, went on to bat with exemplary soundness for three hours and was unfortunate to miss his first hundred in the championship by one run. Shastri hit three sixes and ten fours as he led a late acceleration, finishing 80 not out and after facing 117 balls.

Warwickshire had a mixed day in the field. In addition to Dale's escape, Donald suffered early on when two half-chances by Metson flew between wicketkeeper and first slip. Munton, Small and Paul Smith all beat the batsmen outside the off stump without success. Neil Smith bowled with good control, but Asif Din, the leg-spinner, proved costly.

Warwickshire had a foretaste of the struggle to come when Metson lingered nearly two hours before Donald returned for a second spell and hinted at all sorts of mayhem. In his first over, Metson was trapped leg-before to a ball that cut back, and in his third, Donald caused Butcher to play-on, via a pad. In his next over, he unleashed a widish full toss that Dale snicked to Holloway, but he could not hold it and Reeve, at first slip, was unable to seize the rebound. A crucial incident ended with Donald apologising to Dale for what would have classified a beamer if it had been a straighter ball.

After lunch, Maynard came off best as he withstood four more torrid overs from Donald, thwarting the fast bowler with calm assurance. One yorker was dug out so successfully that it went straight back past the bowler for four. Maynard, however, was undone by Neil Smith: he tried to turn a well-pitched ball to the leg-side and was caught leg-before.

Dale and Shastri gradually settled down into a stand that became increasingly assertive. They had put on 138 in 32 overs for the fifth wicket when Dale, on 99, played on against Paul Smith. Dale hit 12 fours and faced 161 balls. Shastri played several of his most elegant strokes. They included straight sixes against Neil Smith and Din and several classical cover drives.


JULIAN HERBERT

Pitching practice: Botham tries baseball as he warms up for tomorrow's Test match at Lord's. Report, page 40

Careful Worcestershire bat towards winning position

By SIMON WILDE

BLACKPOOL (second day of three): Worcestershire, with all second-innings wickets in hand, are 98 runs ahead of Lancashire

THE tannoy announcement yesterday afternoon summoning the Blackpool groundsman to the committee room more or less sums up proceedings here. The match chef certainly had some questions to answer, for whatever he intended to serve up, it did not set the batsmen's mouths watering.

The pitch, which has long taken turn, is so low and uncertain in bounce that, as Lancashire were dismissed for 241, it resembled not so much haute cuisine as black pudding.

Worcestershire, wanting to bat carefully to remain in a position to dictate terms today, had safely reached 78 for no wicket in their second innings last night. No batsman has yet reach 50 in the match.

Batting is rather akin to playing Russian roulette, and the chances of receiving a bullet are increasing all the time. In this, Lancashire undoubtedly benefited from seeing their opponents bat first as a wayward opening spell by Newport saw Mendis, who was determined to punish anything loose, and Fowler off to a brisk start.

The flurry of boundaries did not last. Tolley replaced Newport, immediately looked more of a threat and promptly had Fowler caught at second slip for 12. Speak was largely speechless for 15 overs before being bowled by one from Lampitt that broke back and in the next over Mendis's luck ran out when he got a shooter from Tolley and was leg-before for 47. At 81 for three, Lancashire had started to lose their way.

They never really found it again. Fairbrother assumed Mendis's mantle, but Illingworth found a rhythm at the South End and within six overs had Lloyd and Watkinson taken at first slip and Fairbrother leg-before to a full pitched ball for 44.

In the next over, Hick had Fitton caught at silly point and Worcestershire were looking for a substantial lead. However, Lancashire's tail wagged the dog as Worcestershire's had the previous day.

Some lusty hitting from Austin, who made 43 at 56, and Yates, who put on 42 for the tenth wicket with Martin, left Lancashire with a first-innings deficit of only 20. A brilliant running catch by Hick to dismiss Martin gave Illingworth figures of five for 49.

Worcestershire's performance on Tuesday may have been disappointing but it transpires to have been nothing compared to that in the scorebox. After nocturnal applications of Tippex, Worcestershire's first innings total has been increased by two to 261. D'Oliveira gained one run, Newport four, while two runs were taken from Radford and one from the no-balls.

If Curtis, the Worcestershire captain, gets in a position to declare today, he had better consult the scorers before doing so.

Millns forced to share honours

By GEOFFREY WHEELER

THREE times this season, Derbyshire have advanced to third in the county championship without being able to make further progress. Now, once again, they have been halted in their tracks, beaten by an innings and 131 runs at Derby by Leicestershire, whose victory took them off the bottom of the table, where they had been rooted for the last seven weeks.

After being bowled out cheaply by David Millns in their first innings, Derbyshire needed to make a quick end to the Leicestershire innings to stay in the match. Instead, led by the wicketkeeper, Phil Whitticase's, 93 from 132 balls, Leicestershire reached 392 for a lead of 275 before setting about the home batsmen for the second time.

This time, Millns shared bowling honours with Maguire and Wilkinson as Derbyshire were dismissed for 144, Whitticase taking five catches, but his figures of three for 54 gave him a match return of 11 for 91.

There was a reminder from Bournemouth yesterday that Waqar Younis and Wasim Akram are not the only Pakistani fast bowlers that England's batsmen will have to worry about next season. Aqib Javed, who turned 19 earlier this month, claimed five wickets in an innings for Hampshire for the third time as Sussex were bowled out for 198, which would have been considerably less but for a defiant 76 from Alan Wells.

Hampshire, 184 ahead with eight second-innings wickets in hand, are well placed for their fifth victory in last five matches.

David Gilbert, Gloucestershire's Australian seam bowler, claimed eight of the first nine Kent wickets at Canterbury, but was unable to separate the last pair and had to be content with a career-best return of eight for 55 as Kent were dismissed for 107, their lowest score this season. Gloucestershire, with a first-innings advantage of 75, ran into trouble against Alan Igglesden after passing a hundred with only two wickets down, but a stubborn half-century from the usually aggressive Lloyds ensured that Kent will have to score over 300 to win.

Essex's favourite sons to the fore

By JACK BAILEY

COLCHESTER (second day of three): Yorkshire, with nine second-innings wickets in hand, are 152 runs ahead of Essex

TUESDAY belonged to Yorkshire and Moxon; yesterday belonged, most emphatically, to Essex, and especially to two of their favourite sons, Prichard and Stephenson.

These two put on 246 in 65 overs for the second wicket, laying to rest any lingering suspicions that this pitch is, or ever will be, a spinner's paradise. They completely subdued the Yorkshire attack and placed the game in a position from which a profitable run chase today could be on the cards.

Essex declared 146 behind. Yorkshire might now just be contemplating an outright win had Moxon declared at the overnight score of 363 for four.

News from the Yorkshire dressing-room was that Moxon intended to bat on for 20 overs or until 450 runs were reached, whichever came sooner. In the event, Foster and Topley used the early cloud to good effect and took three wickets, including that of Moxon to his first ball, in six overs, before Hartley and Carrick restored order.

Both Stephenson and Prichard had a recent string of low scores, and the big test came when Carrick and Batty were called on. Carrick had already accounted for Seymour on the stroke of lunch and his first 14 overs cost but 15 runs.

It was when he switched ends that the game underwent a dramatic transformation. Prichard, notably more aggressive than his partner at this stage, hit the left-arm bowler for 42, all fours, during his next four overs. Prichard, especially strong through the covers, finally raced to 90; Stephenson had just reached 50. Remarkably, Stephenson reached his century first. A strange mixture of a four-hour innings saw him hit Batty for five sixes and produced eight other indiscriminate boundaries.

Waqar adds to his haul

By IVO TENNANT

THE OVAL (second day of three): Surrey, with all-second innings wickets in hand, are 69 runs ahead of Middlesex

THE ability, enthusiasm and stamina of Waqar Younis continue to astound. He took five wickets yesterday for the tenth time in 14 matches this season and if that does not win the championship for Surrey, nothing else will.

In bowling out Middlesex for 297, they were defied for long only by Weekes, who, given a rare opportunity, made 86, his highest score.

Quite the best innings of the day, though, was played by Gatting. Coming in when Roseberry was leg-before to Waqar, moving right across his stumps, the former England captain fairly bristled with purpose, including seven fours in his half-century.

Nothing could have been more likely than that he would make a century. Medlycott must have thought so, too, for at times his length strayed alarmingly. Another short one outside off stump should have been put away as well, only this time Gatting sliced the ball to cover point.

Pooley had gone to one Boiling turned pretty sharply. Yet Greig used the quicker bowlers whenever he could, particularly, of course, Waqar. Surrey would ideally like to bowl him in spells of five overs. They can hardly take the ball away from him even when, as yesterday, he was suffering from a chest infection.

He had Brown caught behind with a ball of great pace. The rest of his wickets may have been those of tailenders but they were achieved through keeping the ball well up to the bat. When he did use the bouncer — at recognised batsmen — it skidded through and came almost completely as a surprise.

All the while, for almost four hours, Weekes remained, making the most of his chance. It was his fourth first-class innings and he did quite enough with bat and, on Tuesday with the ball, to make certain of retaining his place.

YESTERDAY'S SCOREBOARDS

Britannic Assurance county championship

Lancs v Worcs

BLACKPOOL *(second day of three): Worcestershire, with all second-innings wickets in hand, are 98 runs ahead of Lancashire*

WORCESTERSHIRE: First Innings 261 (P J Martin 4 for 30)

Second Innings

*T S Curtis not out	49
P Bent not out	23
Extras (lb 2, w 4)	6
Total (no wkt)	78

LANCASHIRE: First Innings

G D Mendis lbw b Tolley	47
G Fowler c D'Oliveira b Topley	12
N J Speak b Lampitt	10
N H Fairbrother lbw b Illingworth	44
G D Lloyd c Moody b Illingworth	19
M Watkinson c Moody b Illingworth	0
†W K Hegg b D'Oliveira	10
J D Fitton c Bent b Hick	1
I D Austin lbw b Illingworth	43
G Yates not out	29
P J Martin c Hick b Illingworth	17
Extras (lb 7, w 1, nb 1)	9
Total (84.1 overs)	241

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-42, 2-75, 3-81, 4-123, 5-129, 6-140, 7-143, 8-186, 9-199.

BOWLING: Newport 8-0-32-0; Radford 12-5-21-0; Tolley 15-6-30-2, Lampitt 14-4-33-1; Illingworth 21.1-6-49-5, Hick 7-1-33-1; D'Oliveira 9-1-36-1.

Bonus points: Lancashire 6, Worcestershire 6.

Umpires: B Dudleston and J W Holder

CORRECTION: Worcestershire first innings: 261. (D B D'Oliveira b Yates 30, P J Newport not out 22, N V Radford b Austin 11, lb 9, nb 3, Austin 19.3-4-39-2, not as previously published

Essex v Yorks

COLCHESTER *(second day of three): Yorkshire, with nine second-innings wickets in hand, are 152 runs ahead of Essex*

YORKSHIRE: First Innings

*M D Moxon c Garnham b Foster	200
A A Metcalfe c Garnham b Foster	22
D Byas c Garnham b Such	23
S A Kellett c Garnham b Salim	58
P E Robinson lbw b Salim	0
†R J Blakey c Knight b Topley	56
C S Pickles lbw b Topley	0
P Carrick c Knight b Stephenson	28
P J Hartley not out	33
J D Batty c Batty b Prichard	5
Extras (lb 9, w 2, nb 8)	19
Total (9 wkts dec)	446

Score after 100 overs: 312-4.

M A Robinson did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-50, 2-90, 3-255, 4-262, 5-364, 6-365, 7-380, 8-438, 9-446.

BOWLING: Foster 30-7-97-2; Topley 21-3-66-2; Stephenson 5.1-1-19-2, Childs 36-11-86-0; Such 14-1-52-1; Salim Malik 23-0-97-2.

Second Innings

*M D Moxon not out	2
A A Metcalfe c Seymour b Topley	4
Total (1 wkt)	6

FALL OF WICKET: 1-8.

ESSEX: First Innings

A C Seymour c Kellett b Carrick	27
J P Stephenson c Metcalfe b M A Robinson	116
P J Prichard c Byas b M A Robinson	128
Salim Malik not out	11
N Hussain not out	1
Extras (lb 16, nb 1)	17
Total (3 wkts dec, 87 overs)	300

N V Knight, †M A Garnham, *N A Foster, T D Topley, J H Childs and P M Such did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-34, 2-280, 3-289

BOWLING:M A Robinson 17-7-36-2; Hartley 10-1-34-0; Carrick 32-12-89-1; Batty 22-4-104-0; Pickles 6-1-21-0.

Bonus points: Essex 5, Yorkshire 5.

Umpires: R C Tolchard and R Julian.

Surrey v Middlesex

THE OVAL *(second day of three): Surrey, with all second-innings wickets in hand, are 69 runs ahead of Middlesex*

SURREY: First Innings 341 for 9 dec (M A Lynch 141 not out, K T Medlycott 59. BOWLING: Headley 18-2-65-3; Cowans 19-3-65-1; Emburey 31-4-79-1; Barnett 36-7-88-3; Weekes 10-4-30-1)

Second Innings

D J Bicknell not out	13
†N F Sargeant not out	7
Extras (lb 4, nb 1)	5
Total (no wkt)	25

MIDDLESEX: First Innings

M A Roseberry lbw b Waqar	2
J C Pooley b Boiling	20
*M W Gatting c Boiling b Medlycott	50
K R Brown c Sargeant b Waqar	30
M Keech c Sargeant b M P Bicknell	18
P N Weekes st Sargeant b Boiling	86
J E Emburey c Waqar b Medlycott	59
†P Farbrace b Waqar	3
D W Headley c Sargeant b Waqar	4
N G Cowans b Waqar	0
A A Barnett not out	11
Extras (b 4, lb 7, w 1, nb 2)	14
Total (98.5 overs)	297

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-8, 2-38, 3-86, 4-123, 5-131, 6-282, 7-288, 8-276, 9-284.

BOWLING. Waqar Younis 24-6-61-5; M P Bicknell 20-4-58-1; Murphy 9-3-21-0; Boiling 23.5-6-58-2; Medlycott 20-3-90-2.

Bonus points: Surrey 7, Middlesex 5.

Umpires: G I Burgess and A A Jones.

Warwickshire v Glamorgan

EDGBASTON *(second day of three): Warwickshire, with eight second-innings wickets in hand, are 174 runs ahead of Glamorgan*

WARWICKSHIRE: First Innings 358 for 8 dec (T A Lloyd 88, A J Moles 85, P A Smith 50; R J Shastri 4 for 73)

Second Innings

A J Moles c Metson b Wallish	10
P A Smith b Frost	16
Asif Din not out	12
D P Ostler not out	10
Extras (b 4, lb 1, nb 2)	7
Total (2 wkts)	55

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-21, 2-38.

GLAMORGAN: First Innings

*A R Butcher b Donald	81
S P James c Moles b Munton	4
†C P Metson lbw b Donald	47
A Dale b N M K Smith	99
M P Maynard lbw b Smith	24
R J Shastri not out	80
P A Cottey not out	2
Extras (b 10, lb 7, w 4, nb 8)	29
Total (5 wkts dec, 99.1 overs)	346

R D B Croft, S L Watkin, M Frost and S Bastien did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-24, 2-118, 3-134, 4-185, 5-323

BOWLING. Donald 23-3-88-2; Small 15-7-25-0; Munton 15.1-6-38-1; N M K Smith 21-8-68-1; P A Smith 12-3-55-1; Asif Din 12-1-75-0.

Bonus points: Warwickshire 8, Glamorgan 7.

Umpires. J C Balderstone and B Leadbeater.

Kent v Gloucs

CANTERBURY *(second day of three): Gloucestershire, with three second-innings wickets in hand, are 308 runs ahead of Kent*

GLOUCESTERSHIRE: First Innings 182 (G D Hodgson 50; A P Igglesden 4 for 46)

Second Innings

G D Hodgson b Merrick	26
R J Scott c Marsh b Penn	30
*A J Wright c Marsh b Davis	45
C W J Athey lbw b Igglesden	13
M W Alleyne lbw b Igglesden	0
J W Lloyds not out	67
†R C J Williams c Penn b Igglesden	4
M C J Ball b Patel	11
D R Gilbert not out	22
Extras (b 5, lb 4, nb 5)	15
Total (7 wkts)	233

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-49, 2-61, 3-117, 4-119, 5-121, 6-148, 7-177.

KENT: First Innings

T R Ward c Williams b Gilbert	0
*M R Benson c Williams b Babington	6
N R Taylor not out	17
G R Cowdrey b Gilbert	5
M V Fleming lbw b Gilbert	0
†S A Marsh c Athey b Gilbert	30
R P Davis lbw b Gilbert	0
C Penn c Athey b Gilbert	16
M M Patel b Gilbert	4
T A Merrick lbw b Gilbert	12
A P Igglesden c Gilbert b Ball	13
Extras (lb 2, nb 1)	3
Total (48.5 overs)	107

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-0, 2-2, 3-12, 4-21, 5-21, 6-58, 7-60, 8-75, 9-80.

BOWLING: Gilbert 22-7-55-8; Babington 10-2-25-1; Ball 17.5-7-25-1.

Bonus points: Kent 4, Gloucestershire 5.

Umpires: B Hassan and K J Lyons.

Derbyshire v Leics

DERBY *(second day of three): Leicestershire (22pts) beat Derbyshire (3) by an innings and 131 runs*

DERBYSHIRE: First Innings 117 (D J Millns 9 for 37)

Second Innings

*K J Barnett c Whitticase b Wilkinson	26
P D Bowler c Whitticase b Maguire	5
T J G O'Gorman c Whitticase b Millns	13
C J Adams lbw b Millns	0
M Azharuddin lbw b Maguire	26
S C Goldsmith run out	20
†K M Krikken c Boon b Wilkinson	24
D G Cork b Wilkinson	8
A E Warner c Whitticase b Wilkinson	8
O E Malcolm c Whitticase b Millns	4
O H Mortensen not out	8
Extras (lb 1, w 3, nb 6)	10
Total	144

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-16, 2-46, 3-45, 4-47, 5-91, 6-100, 7-119, 8-131, 9-132.

BOWLING: Millns 13-0-54-3; Maguire 12-3-30-2; Wilkinson 14-0-59-4

LEICESTERSHIRE: First Innings

T J Boon c Azharuddin b Warner	35
*N E Briers b Malcolm	9
P N Hepworth b Cork	18
J J Whitaker c O'Gorman b Mortensen	47
L Potter b Malcolm	28
B F Smith c Adams b Cork	51
†P Whitticase b Warner	33
J D R Benson c Adams b Cork	19
D J Millns c Krikken b Goldsmith	17
C Wilkinson not out	31
J N Maguire c O'Gorman b Barnett	25
Extras (b 5, lb 17, w 3, nb 5)	30
Total	392

Score after 100 overs: 291-7.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-3, 2-49, 3-67, 4-125, 5-151, 6-234, 7-284, 8-314, 9-341.

BOWLING: Malcolm 32-5-117-2; Mortensen 28-8-59-1; Cork 25-8-62-3; Warner 29-3-99-2; Goldsmith 9-1-31-1; Barnett 1.4-0-2-1.

Bonus points: Derbyshire 3, Leicestershire 7.

Umpires: D J Constant and J H Harris.

Hants v Sussex

BOURNEMOUTH *(second day of three): Hampshire, with eight second-innings wickets in hand, are 184 runs ahead of Sussex*

HAMPSHIRE: First Innings 297 for 9 dec (K D James 88, M C J Nicholas 55, D I Gower 51. BOWLING: Jones 18-6-46-3; Dodemaide 28-4-71-2; Pigott 15-3-34-1; North 20-8-55-1; Donelan 29-10-62-2)

Second Innings

T C Middleton c Moores b Pigott	36
V P Terry c Greenfield b Pigott	42
K D James not out	1
D I Gower not out	2
Extras (lb 1, w 2, nb 1)	4
Total (2 wkts)	85

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-78, 2-83.

SUSSEX: First Innings

N J Lenham c Terry b Aqib	8
D M Smith c Middleton b Aqib	10
K Greenfield lbw b Ayling	22
A P Wells c Aymes b Aqib	76
M P Speight c Terry b Maru	8
J A North c Maru b Turner	22
A I C Dodemaide c Terry b Aqib	12
†P Moores run out	1
A C S Pigott c Ayling b Turner	10
A N Jones b Aqib	7
B T P Donelan not out	7
Extras (lb 9, nb 6)	15
Total (77 overs)	198

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-13, 2-28, 3-68, 4-104, 5-147, 6-165, 7-168, 8-175, 9-187.

BOWLING: Aqib Javed 15-4-47-5; Shine 5-0-32-0; James 6-2-12-0; Ayling 9-2-27-1; Maru 20-8-38-1; Turner 22-6-33-2.

Bonus points: Hampshire 7, Sussex 4.

Umpires: N T Plews and R A White.

CORRECTION: Sussex v Sri Lankans, 19th August: Sri Lankans second innings: K I W Wijegunawardene at Moores b Jones 0 and Jones 9-1-60-2, not as previously published.

TEST MATCH CAREER AVERAGES

England — batting and fielding

	M	I	NO	Runs	HS	Avge	100	50	Ct/s
I T Botham	98	156	6	5154	208	34.36	14	22	115
P A J DeFreitas	25	36	3	512	55*	14.22	–	1	6
G A Gooch	80	134	6	6816	333	43.13	14	39	94
D V Lawrence	3	4	0	51	34	12.75	–	–	–
C C Lewis	6	8	1	155	65	27.85	–	1	8
H Morris	2	4	0	50	44	12.50	–	–	1
D R Pringle	25	43	3	840	63	16.00	–	1	8
M R Ramprakash	5	9	0	210	29	23.33	–	–	4
R C Russell	24	36	6	840	128*	28.25	1	3	63/6
R A Smith	27	51	12	2051	148*	52.59	6	14	13
A J Stewart	13	25	2	610	91	26.52	–	3	19
P C R Tufnell	5	7	4	15	8	5.00	–	–	1

Bowling

	B	R	W	Avge	BB	5i	10m
I T Botham	21443	10700	379	28.23	8-34	27	4
P A J DeFreitas	5346	2486	70	35.54	5-63	2	–
G A Gooch	1989	800	17	47.05	2-12	–	–
D V Lawrence	665	461	13	35.46	5-106	1	–
C C Lewis	1200	697	18	37.05	8-111	1	–
D R Pringle	4519	2129	60	35.48	6-95	3	–
P C R Tufnell	1208	520	16	32.50	6-25	2	–

Sri Lanka — batting and fielding

	M	I	NO	Runs	HS	Avge	100	50	Ct/s
F S Ahangama	3	3	1	11	11	5.50	–	–	1
S D Anurasiri	4	5	2	13	6	4.33	–	–	–
M S Atapattu	1	2	0	0	0	0.00	–	–	–
P A De Silva	21	38	2	1479	267	41.08	5	4	18
A P Gurusinha	13	22	3	836	119	44.00	3	3	9
U C Hathurusinghe	2	4	0	191	61	47.75	–	2	1
S T Jayasuriya	2	3	1	65	35	32.50	–	–	1
D S B P Kuruppu	3	5	1	264	201*	73.50	1	–	1
M A Madurasinghe	2	4	0	19	11	4.75	–	–	–
R S Mahanama	3	12	0	282	66	24.33	–	1	3
C P Ramachandyake	7	12	4	88	14*	9.25	–	–	2
R J Ratnayake	19	31	5	342	58	13.15	–	1	7
H P Tillekaratne	5	9	0	154	55	17.11	–	1	20

Bowling

	B	R	W	Avge	BB	5i	10m
F S Ahangama	801	348	18	19.33	5-52	1	–
S D Anurasiri	486	159	5	31.80	4-71	–	–
P A De Silva	294	207	3	69.00	2-65	–	–
A P Gurusinha	454	282	8	31.50	2-25	–	–
U C Hathurusinghe	12	15	0	–	–	–	–
S T Jayasuriya	36	18	0	–	–	–	–
M A Madurasinghe	252	101	3	33.66	3-60	–	–
R S Mahanama	6	3	0	–	–	–	–
C P Ramanayake	1588	864	17	50.82	2-39	–	–
R J Ratnayake	4238	2181	65	33.55	6-65	4	–

R S Kaluwitharana, M Muralitharan and K I W Wijegunawardene have not played Test cricket.

* Compiled by Richard Lockwood Source: TCCB/Bull

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RUGBY UNION

Mendez is named in Argentina squad

By DAVID HANDS
RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

ARGENTINA, beaten twice by New Zealand this summer and by Ireland, England and Scotland last autumn, yesterday became the second of the pool three teams — the Wales pool — to name their World Cup squad. It includes Federico Mendez, the young prop sent off at Twickenham last November for punching Paul Ackford.

The squad, captained by Pablo Garreton, includes only four players who appeared in the 1987 tournament — Cash and Molina, the props, Angaut, at full back, and Cuesta Silva, the centre or wing. The only player to appear against New Zealand in July who has not been included is Vidou, who kicked the five penalties which beat England 15-13 in Buenos Aires a year ago.

At Cardiff Arms Park yesterday, Alan Davies, the new Welsh coach, conducted the second of this week's squad training sessions in preparation for the match against France on September 4.

SQUAD: Forwards: F Mendez (Mendoza RC), M Aguilera (Alumni), D Cash (San Isidro Club), L Molina (Tucuman LTC), R Le Fort (Tucuman RC), M Bosch (Olivos), G Llanes (La Plata), P Sporleder (Curupaytí), P Buabse (Los Tarcos of Tucuman), P Garreton (Universitario de Tucuman CRD Ltd), J Santamarina (Tucuman RC), F Irazusta (Cardinal Newman), M Carreras (Olivos), M Loveberdi (Alumni). Backs: G Camardon (Alumni), A Zanoni (Pueyrredon), L Arbizo (Belgrano), E Laborde (Pucara), S Mason (Tucuman RC), M Allen (CASI), H Garcia S (Pueyrredon), D Cuesta Silva (San Isidro Club), G Jorge (Pucara), M Teran (Tucuman RC). Full backs: G del Castillo (Jockey Club de Rosario), G Angaut (La Plata)

Davies is handed new role

AMID the merry-go-round of players changing clubs in the hope of realising individual ambitions, the drift towards paid appointments in rugby union is continuing. Alex Keay is now Moseley's director of playing administration and one of the clubs he formerly coached, Blackheath, has just agreed a three-year contract with Alan Davies as their playing administrator (David Hands writes).

To avoid confusion, this is not the Davies from Nottingham to whom Wales have turned in their hour of need. It is, in contrast, a man of Neath now offering his knowledge to one of England's most traditional clubs threatened, as are other well-known names, by decline into mediocrity.

Blackheath staved off relegation to the third division of the Courage Clubs Championship last season. Now the club aims to take advantage both of the interest in the game generated by the World Cup and developing socio-economic trends in their part of London to restore their fortunes.

"This season, we are aiming for a top-five place in division two," Davies said. "Next season, we are looking for promotion and the season after we want to consolidate in the first division and target the cup."

Davies, who has been associated with Blackheath's under-21 team, was tempted to join Kevin Short as forwards' coach at London Irish this season. However, the Irish, having won promotion, dispensed with Short's services in favour of George Hook, the Connacht coach. Short will join Blackheath instead to concentrate on player-development and help Phil Lane, Blackheath's head coach.

Davies, aged 43, played in Neath's front row at the age of 17 before moving to London Welsh. Ruptured cruciate ligaments ended his playing career at the age of 20.

Job for Buckton

Waterloo, the Courage League second division club, has appointed the former Orrell and Liverpool St Helens flanker, Peter Buckton, director of coaching.

BOWLS

Pairs success gives Bell a second title

HAVING just been chosen for England's world championships team, John Bell, who won the Woolwich EBA triples championship last week, added the pairs at Worthing yesterday (Gordon Allan writes). Bell, of Wigton, and Ronnie Gass beat Jim Mash and Dave Hall, of the National Physical Laboratory Club, Teddington, 29-16.

In their semi-final, Bell and Gass, 8-17 down against David Lockhart and Gordon Niven, of Bolton, scored 11 shots over the last four ends to win 19-17.

☐ Robert Weale, of Prestcigne, will meet Will Thomas, of Pontrhydyfen, the champion, in the quarter-final of the Welsh Bowling Association singles championship at Ebbw Vale today (David Rhys Jones writes). Thomas, whom Weale succeeded as Welsh captain this season, beat Tony Allcock, of England, in the final of the British Isles championship on the same British Steel Tinplate greens last month. Yesterday Thomas beat Gwynnant Ellis, of Aberystwyth, 21-10, while Weale turned a 7-10 deficit after 12 ends into a 21-12 victory.

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GOLF

Edmond blossoms as she cultivates a two-stroke lead

By PATRICIA DAVIES

FIONA Edmond, a garden designer by trade, has put her business on hold while she cultivates an impressive golfing *curriculum vitae* and yesterday, in the first round of the British women's strokeplay championship, at Long Ashton, she took the lead with a round of 70, three under par.

It left her two shots ahead of the Scottish international, Alison Rose, a bank official from Stirling, and of Elaine Ratcliffe, from Cheshire, who celebrated the news that she had just been accepted for Stirling University on a golf scholarship in perfect style. Claire Hourihane, the Irish champion and runner-up in this event last year (she won it in 1986), was on 73, level par, thanks to a meagre 27 *putts*.

Hourihane had trouble off the tee, which is unusual for her, and perhaps she is incorporating into her swing too many of the muscle movements necessary for weeding her new-found passion, an allotment. "There are 23 rows of potatoes flowering nicely," she said with satisfaction.

"The radishes were lovely, the lettuces are nearly finished and the cabbages and carrots are coming along well."

Edmond approved of the potatoes, which apparently improve the soil no end, but golf rather than growth is on her mind.

A semi-finalist in the English championship this season, she has also been third in the Welsh Open strokeplay and fifth in the English strokeplay, as well as being on the England team that won the European championship at Wentworth. She will make her Great Britain and Ireland debut in the Vagliano Trophy match at Nairn next month.

It is a punishing schedule and has led Edmond, a former *Cambridge blue, to turn down* work this summer. "Too many times, I had to leave contractors in charge and they messed things up," she said. "I was always ringing home to try and sort things out and it wasn't satisfactory."

The last two weeks have been spent at home, practising up to seven hours a day and it stood her in good stead yesterday, especially the short game. Out in 33, two under par, with birdies at the 3rd and 4th, she needed only 12 putts, despite missing a couple of ten-footers, almost gimmes for Edmond.

She moved to five under with birdies at the 11th, where her wedge approach hit the flag, 13th, where her three-wood tee shot was ten feet from the pin, and 14th, where she got up and down from 40 yards.

She dropped a stroke at the 16th, where she underclubbed badly, taking a seven-iron for her second shot when it should have been a five, and dropped another shot at the par three 17th, where she missed the green.

70: F Edmond (Frinton-on-Sea). 72: A Rose (Stirling), E Ratcliffe (Sandiway). 73: C Hourihane (Woodbrook). 74: R Boles (Bessi Desert), M Wright (Dumfries and County). 75: F Anderson (Blairgowrie); K Orum (Den); A O'Sullivan (Monkstown); E McDaid (Skibbereen); I Brien (Ashford Manor); L Navarro (Sp); J Moodie (Windyhill); L Gehlen (Ger); S Cavallari (It).
76: W Dicks (Quietwaters); M Hageman (Neth); T Kernan (Neth); J Morley (Sale); E Smith (West Essex); P Pedersen (Den). 77: M Olivero (Arg); V Thomas (Pennard); M McKenna (Donabate); K Speak (Clitheroe). 78: L Irvine (Wollaton Park); C Lambert (Stirling University); J Hall (Felixstowe Ferry). 79: M Del Pobil (Sp); J Gillings (Goodwood); A Van Der Haegen (Bel); A Larsson (Den); K Fitzgerald (Turnberry); M McKay (Turnberry).

Old event is new to Britain

By JOHN HENNESSY

THE biennial European international amateur championship, which was inaugurated six years ago, this week makes its first appearance in Britain, at Hillside, Southport.

For the first time a qualifying round has been played, because the final field of 140 was surpassed by 22, which Johnnie Storjohann, the Swiss secretary of the European Golf Association, calls "an enormous success". His one big disappointment is the appearance of only one Irish player.

The outstanding challengers to Klas Eriksson, the defending champion, come from the Walker Cup players, Gary Evans, the joint holder again this year of the Brabazon Trophy, and Jim Payne, the outstanding winner last month of the silver medal for low amateurs in the Open championship next door at Royal Birkdale.

Overseas entries include Christian Cevaer, of France, the British youth champion in 1988, and Rolf Muntz, the British amateur champion from The Netherlands.

Lawrie in front at Wentworth

PAUL Lawrie, aged 21, from Aberdeen's Kings Links course, maintained his position at the top of the leader board as the PGA British assistants' championship entered its final stage at Wentworth yesterday.

A third-round score of 73 was good enough to keep him ahead of his fellow Scot, Gary Orr, who, after a 74, was in second place on 213. Simon Wood, of Herne Bay, forced his way into third place on 215 with an equal-best round of the day of 69.

☐ Mrs Juliet Morgan, competing for the 39th time in the Burhill family foursomes, reached the third round at Burhill with the help of her son, Simon, who narrowly missed an ace at the short 16th hole.

However, his seven iron shot at the hole was good enough to ensure a winning birdie, and the partnership won the next hole to defeat Carolyn Newman and her son Paul by 2 and 1.

Morgan made 25 appearances with her father, Jack Langmead, once reaching the final. She has also partnered her other sons, Andrew and James, who is now a professional at Caddington.

☐ Wrexham won the Welsh amateur team championship for the first time in their 85-year-history yesterday when they used local knowledge to the best advantage to beat Flint in the final over their own course (Chris Smart writes).

They triumphed by three matches to one with the one game remaining out on the course when the title had been decided deemed to have been halved. Never before had Flint, who play on a nine-hole course, got past the first round of the competition.

In the final, Simon Edwards, the former Welsh boys champion, became the first player in the event to win a game by the maximum margin. His 10 and 8 victim was John O'Neill.

The Welsh strokeplay champion, Andrew Jones, beat Jason Snead, the Flint club champion, on the 17th green, but the title was not decided until Steve Williams overcame the challenge of Owen O'Neill, a Flintshire county player, who lost three holes in a row from the 11th and went down in the end by 3 and 2.

RESULTS: Semi-finals: Wrexham bt Bargoed, 4-1; Flint bt West Monmouthshire, 4-1. Final: Wrexham bt Flint, 3½-1½.

CLAIRE McKINTOSH



Double act: Morozova and Cox keep an eye on talent at Nottingham

Courting talent in a search for teenagers willing to win

By ALIX RAMSAY

IT IS not just nervous parents and worried opponents who line the courtside watching the ranks of young hopefuls going through their paces at the Midland Bank British junior championships at Nottingham this week. Wandering among the spectators are Olga Morozova and Mark Cox, casting careful eyes over proceedings and looking for talent.

The best of that talent will be nurtured at the Rover Lawn *Tennis Association School at* Bisham Abbey and on Tuesday, they announced the addition of another five pupils to the scheme, bringing the total number of players to 20. The pupils go to school during the day, but every other waking moment is spent on a tennis court, playing or practising.

The scheme is supervised by Cox while Morozova works the six-strong girls' squad. In Nottingham they are looking for young players — the younger the better — who have a natural drive for competition. "They have to love this game, they have to like this kind of pressure where everyone is watching you and you have to do *something* to surprise," Morozova said.

In Britain, getting players young enough is a problem. But on the international circuit the trend is for younger and younger players. "It's considered fine to become involved with cultural pursuits like ballet or music at a young age in this country, but we still have a problem with children taking sport too seriously," Cox said.

Morozova has trouble getting to grips with the British way of thinking. "If you're the No. 1 in our country, there's no problem with schools with practice," she said. "Here, whenever I try to do anything it was like meeting a wall."

But with a careful selection process for the LTA school and specialised coaching and back-up, both Cox and Morozova believe things are changing. Given the daunting task of dragging British tennis kicking and screaming back up the rankings, Morozova is remarkably cheerful with what she sees in Nottingham. "They're more aggressive now and the standard is better. Every court is full, everyone is practising and having a good time," she said.

Cox, too is optimistic. "You can almost see the kids improving with every ball they hit on these courts," he said.

Yet that may not have been the case with some of the seeds in the in the girls' under-18 singles yesterday, as all but one were knocked out in the bottom half of the draw.

The No. 5, Mandy Wainwright, seemed to be cruising to victory, taking the first set 6-1 against Lizzie Jelfs. But Jelfs, an all-round athlete from Oxfordshire, regained her concentration to win the next two 6-2, 6-2 and now meets the No. 2 seed, Emily Bond, in the quarter finals.

Lucie Needham, who has been struggling against a back injury for the last year, dispatched the No. 8 seed, Mair Hughes, from Wales 6-2, 6-2, and now goes through to meet Tamsin Wainwright, who beat the No. 4 seed, Heather Mathews, in a fraught 6-4, 6-7, 7-5 struggle.

RESULTS: Boys: 18 and under: Singles, third round: A Richardson (Linca) bt T Henman (Oxon), 6-1, 6-2; B Cowan (Lancs) bt S Brammell (Herts), 7-6, 1-6, 6-2; N Weal (Hants and IOW) bt P Ryan (Kent), 6-3, 6-2; N Bagih (Cheshire) bt P Turner (Sussex), 6-3, 6-0.
Girls: 18 and under: Singles, third round: C Hunt (Dorset) bt A Green (Suffolk), 6-2, 6-2; J Pullin (Sussex) bt S Tee (IOM), 6-0, 6-2; L Ahl (Devon) bt L Barnett (Bucks), 6-0, 6-3; L Needham (Cambs) bt M Hughes (N Wal), 6-2, 6-2; L Jelfs (Oxon) bt M Wainwright (Essex), 1-6, 6-2, 6-2; E Bond (Glos) bt V Gray (Sussex), 7-6, 6-2.

ROWING

Women return to their best with a British record

From MIKE ROSEWELL, ROWING CORRESPONDENT, VIENNA

BRITAIN'S women stole the limelight from the men on repechage day here yesterday. After some lacklustre performances in Monday's head wind, the heavyweight women revelled in calmer conditions yesterday morning and, with three crews qualifying for their finals, created British rowing history.

The coxless four, stroked by Philippa Cross, were led by the expected qualifiers, the United States and the Soviet Union, in the first 500 metres but would not allow the heavier Soviets to break clear. The pressure brought reward as Britain took second place just before halfway and held it with surprising ease.

There was no repeat of Alison Gill's Monday crab in the double sculls repechage, but she and Annabel Eyres were still at 500 metres. They overtook Austria by halfway, but the Soviet Union and Australia looked sure to reach the final until Gill pushed the rate to 39 past the grandstands to snatch qualification from Australia by 0.2sec.

The coxless pairs qualification was almost boring by comparison as Fiona Freckleton and Miriam Batten held a comfortable second place behind Canada over the whole course, but the chief women's coach, Bob Michaels, was overjoyed. He said: "I have achieved my target for the year."

Britain's lightweight single scullers, Sue Appelboom and Peter Haining, progressed to their semi-finals. Appelboom, whose domestic record stands at 36 wins in 40 appearances, was distressed after her performance on Monday but she, and her coach Tony James, were happier yesterday, although bananas were being eaten after the race because Appelboom weighed in at five kilograms below her permitted limit.

British success continued early in the afternoon with a commanding victory for the women's lightweight coxless four, the experienced Kate Brownlow, at stroke, booking a place in the final of this event for the fourth successive year with three new internationals behind her.

After another qualification by the men's lightweight quad, Britain had booked eight semi-final and five final places, the only casualties of the team being the newly-formed men's doubles scull.

Two leading squad crews, the men's coxless four and eight, were still to come and spirits sank when the coxless four lost contact with Italy and France after 1,500 metres.

The British eight, who saw the fours' defeat on their way to the start of their difficult repechage, re-discovered that spirit magnificently and, lying third at 1750 metres, raised the rate to 40 to pass the Americans, threatened the fancied Canadians, and achieved the sixth final place for Britain.

SWIMMING

Jameson's record remains intact

From CRAIG LORD IN ATHENS

THE European championship 100 metres butterfly record, held by Andy Jameson, survived its second challenge in four years in Athens yesterday, despite an inspired performance by Vladislav Kulikov, of the Soviet Union, the winner in 54.22sec.

The 20-year-old student from Moscow responded to encouraging tidings from home by dedicating his victory to "my family and my people."

He said: "I was very happy about the news. It inspired me. I am for Gorbachev and all those who work for peace and co-operation."

Kulikov, bronze medal winner at the world championships in January, was pressed from starting gun to the end by Martin Lopez-Zubero, a Spaniard who trains in the United States, and Nils Rudolph, the former east German who now lives in Hamburg.

Rik Leishman, a Yorkshireman who trains at South Carolina University and competes for Scotland, came out of his dive ahead of the pack in an outside lane and attacked the first 50 metres as though he meant to rival Jameson's 1987 achievements, before fading to finish eighth in a time of 55.36sec, which was, however, only 0.16sec slower than his best.

The winning time highlighted the extraordinary talent that was lost to Britain when Jameson retired, still young, after the Seoul Olympic Games.

The lack of progress in European butterfly swimming in the last few years, was highlighted by Lopez-Zubero, the world 200 metres backstroke record-holder; who said he swam the race merely "to test the conditions before my real events".

Meanwhile, Karen Pickering, of Ipswich, who promised so much a year ago when she was runner-up in the 200 metres freestyle at the International Cup at Rome, had to sit and watch the final of that event from the deck.

Her time of a year ago would have won her a bronze medal last night. As it was, she had to settle for a disappointing place in the B final, and finished fourth, three seconds outside her best.

The A final was won by Mette Jacobsen, of Denmark, in 2min 00.29sec, just 0.05sec ahead of Catherine Plewinski, winner of the 100 metres on Tuesday.

CYCLING

Italian success in team time-trial

From PETER BRYAN IN STUTTGART

FOLLOWING last year's road racing renaissance, it was the turn yesterday of Italy's time-trial riders to recapture former glories with a show of power that gave them a clear victory, in a fast time, in the 100km world team trial championship here.

Their preparation at a high altitude camp in Switzerland appeared to give them that extra edge over the host nation's quartet and the surprise squad of the trial, Norway.

The defending champions, the Soviet Union, were seventh at half-distance, dropping to thirteenth by the finish. Britain's squad, riding together for the first time, finished two places higher.

The Italians showed early speed and at 25km led Germany by half a minute and Norway by 36 seconds. It was the same order at 50km, when the respective times were 55min 18sec, 56min 31sec and 56min 50sec.

On the third leg, considered to be the hardest as it was into a rising breeze, the Italian squad continued to move with machine-like precision as the Germans began to feel the pace, the wind and the heat.

Silver was denied to the Norwegians in the end, though, because of a rally by the Germans who finished 18 seconds ahead of them without being able to get in a blow at the winning Italians — Flavio Anastasia, Luca Colombo, Gianfranco Conti and Andrea Peron — who recorded 1hr 54min 48sec.

Britain's chances of an Olympic ride next year look brighter, for Chris Boardman, Gary Dighton, Simon Lillistone and Peter Longbottom finished in 2hr 00min 26sec, which is a British best over a full course.

Earlier the British women's team of Mandy Jones, Louise Jones, Julie Hill and Sally Dawes finished eighth of 15 teams in their 50km trial in 1hr 05min 09.6sec, another national best by more than five minutes.

TRIATHLON

Lax banned for using stimulant in medicine

By IAN SWEET

IN BRITISH triathlon's second case of drug abuse, Chris Lax has received a three-month ban. Lax, from Hartlepool, was randomly tested at the Bridlington grand prix event on June 9 and his A-sample was found to have traces of the proscribed substance, ephedrine.

Questioning revealed that his mother had given him Sudafed as a flu remedy. Sudafed contains the stimulant, ephedrine. When tested, Lax wrote on the drug declaration form only that he was taking multi-vitamins and some "pills he had picked up while recently training in California". Lax requested that the B-sample not be tested.

The executive of the British Triathlon Association has assumed that the banned substance came from Sudafed and not the "pills", and has treated the misdemeanour as a one-off affair and awarded Lax the minimum ban of three months.

Last year Ian Wilson received a similar ban after taking Sudafed before the national club relay championships.

After Bridlington, Lax was randomly tested at a triathlon in Rother Valley, Sheffield. The result has not yet been released.

MOTOR RACING

Jordan to 'groom' GP driver

By NORMAN HOWELL

THE Formula One world reacted with surprise yesterday to Jordan's choice of Michael Schumacher to drive in Spa this weekend in place of Bertrand Gachot. The 22-year-old German has never raced an Formula One car and although he is the German and European Formula Three champion and one of the Mercedes sportscar drivers, he is short of experience of the hardest and most technical racing formula.

Stefan Johansson, the veteran Swedish driver, had been expected to replace Gachot, but the preference for Schumacher indicates that the British team thinking beyond the Belgian Grand Prix.

Schumacher's release by Mercedes was not made official until yesterday morning, although he did test for Jordan at Silverstone on Tuesday, driving and lapping in a manner that led some of the Jordan team to describe him as "amazing".

His arrival at Jordan confirms the long terms plans by Mercedes for Formula One. It had been known for some time that they intended "placing" Schumacher in a Grand Prix team so that he might learn enough to help the German manufacturer's entry in 1993.

The Anglo-Irish team is well suited for this purpose as the results of its first Grand Prix season testify. Its youth, willingness to gamble, excellent car design and the manner in which it has got so much out of the Ford V8 engine make it an excellent school for Schumacher. Jordan, in exchange, is sure to get some financial help from Mercedes.

Meanwhile, Gachot is still in prison. His father brought with him to London a new legal team, but this seems to have caused more confusion than good. Bail has been turned down and the appeal, set for September 19, has been cancelled.

FOR THE RECORD

FOOTBALL

Late results on Tuesday
BARCLAYS LEAGUE: First division: Everton 3, Arsenal 1; Leeds United 1, Nottingham Forest 0; Notts County 1, Southampton 0; Sheffield United 1, West Ham United 1. Second division: Barnsley 0, Sunderland 3; Bristol City 2, Brighton 1; Ipswich Town 2, Port Vale 1.
RUMBELOWS CUP: First round, first leg: Barnet 5, Brentford 5; Blackburn Rovers 1, Hull City 1; Bolton Wanderers 2, York City 2; Chester 1, Lincoln City 0; Crewe Alexandra 5, Doncaster Rovers 2; Darlington 1, Huddersfield Town 0; Halifax Town 3, Tranmere Rovers 4; Hartlepool United 1, Bury 0; Leyton Orient 5, Northampton Town 0; Mansfield Town 0, Blackpool 3; Peterborough United 2, Aldershot 1; Portsmouth 2, Gillingham 1; Preston North End 5, Scarborough 4; Rochdale 5, Carlisle United 1; Rotherham United 1, Grimsby Town 3; Shrewsbury Town 1, Plymouth Argyle 1; Stockport County 1, Bradford City 1; Swansea City 2, Walsall 2; Swindon Town 2, West Bromwich Albion 0; Torquay United 2, Hereford United 0; Watford 2, Southend United 0; Wigan Athletic 3, Burnley 1; Wolverhampton Wanderers 2, Reading 1.
SKOL CUP: Second round: Brechin City 3, St Mirren 3; Dumbarton 1, Aldershonians 2; Dundee United 3, Montrose 2; Dunfermline Athletic 4, Alloa Athletic 1; Falkirk 3, East Stirlingshire 0; Hamilton Academical 2, Forfar Athletic 0; Heart of Midlothian 3, Clydebank 0; Partick Thistle 2, Albion Rovers 0; Raith Rovers 4, Motherwell 1; Rangers 8, Queen's Park 0; Stirling Albion 0, Hibernian 5.
BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE: Premier division: Bromsgrove 2, Atherstone 0; Crawley 3, Chelmsford 0; Dorchester 3, Fisher 1; Dover 3, Cambridge City 0; Gravesend 1, Waterlooville 0; Hastings 4, Burton 1. Southern division: Andover 0, Fareham 2; Ashford 5, Sudbury 3; Braintree 0, Buckingham 2; Erith and Belvedere 0, Bury Town 0; Hastings 4, Margate 0; Stalybridge 1, Hythe 2. Midland division: Kings Lynn 1, Nuneaton 4; Newport 3, Atherstone 0; Warwick 1, Leicester United 0; Stroud 4, Bridgnorth 1.
DIADORA LEAGUE: Premier division: Aylesbury 1, Chesham 2; Enfield 3, St Albans 1; Hendon 2, Harrow 2; Kingstonian 1, Woking 2; Marlow 1, Bishop's Stortford 0; Staines 0, Bromley 1. First division: Barking 5, Aveley 1; Boreham Wood 0, Stevenage 3; Chelmsford 5, Peter 1, Wembley 2; Leyton Wingate 1, Dorking 2; Maidenhead United 1, Abingdon Town 2; Tooting and Mitcham 2, Dulwich 2; Yeading 1, Uxbridge 2. Second division: Banstead 0, Sutton Barton 2; Hanfield 0; Billericay 4, Witham 1; Hemel Hempstead 1, Berkhamsted 0; Metropolitan Police 2, Malden Vale 2; Purfleet 2, Rainham 1; Saffron Walden 0, Ware 4; Southall 1, Ruislip Manor 0; Wembley 1, Southwick 0. Third division: Bracknell 4, Camberley 2; Chertsey 0, Epsom and Ewell 1; Hampton 2, Feltham and Hounslow 1; Hertford 0, Royston 0; Petersfield 1, Cove 0; Tilbury 4, Clapton 1.
LOMBARD ULSTER CUP: First round: Section A: Ards 1, Coleraine 1; Ballymena 2, Portadown 0. Section B: Crusaders 3, Carrick 1; Linfield 1, Bangor 0. Section C: Clitonville 2, Distillery 0; Glentoran 5, Ballyclare 1. Section D: Newry 1, Omagh Town 1.
VAUXEGROC Under-17 world championship: Group A: United States 1, Argentina 0; Italy 2, China 2. Group B: Australia 2, Congo 0; Mexico 1, Qatar 0. Group C: Germany 3, Sudan 1; Brazil 4, United Arab Emirates 0. Group D: Ghana 2, Uruguay 0; Spain 7, Cuba 2.

CRICKET

MINOR COUNTIES CHAMPIONSHIP: Ebbw Vale: Wales 157 (G G Watts 4-37, D H Toseland 4-49) and 259-8 dec (S G Watkins 71, M J G James 54). Cornwall 139 (M Davies 6-52) and 279-4 (S M Williams 114 not out, E Nicolson 78). Cornwall won by six wkts. Weymouth: Dorset 175-9 dec (G D Reynolds 56) and 44-0. Oxfordshire 225-4 dec (T A Lester 64 not out, S N Waterton 57, D A Wise 55, R A Pyman 44-66). Hertfordshire Hertfordshire 203-5 dec (A Needham 64 not out) and 44-0. Staffordshire 225-6 dec (J P Addison 84 not out, A J Dutton 60).
RAPID CRICKSTUNE SECOND XI CHAMPIONSHIP: Hove: Sussex 268 (J Smith 80, J Finch 58, D P J Flint 4-112). Hampshire 1-0.
NCA OVER 50s COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP: Quarter-finals: Hertfordshire 154-8, Kent 158-7; Middlesex 140, Warwickshire 144-3; Devon 138, Cheshire 136. Match tied. (Cheshire won on faster scoring rate on first 20 overs).



Sanchez Vicario: progress in Washington

CYCLING

STUTTGART: World championships: Women: 80km team time trial: 1, France (M Clignet, N Gendron, C Odin, C Marsal), 1hr 02min 14 sec; 2, Netherlands, 1:02:41.5; 3, Soviet Union, 1:02:51.1; 4, United States, 1:03:09.2; 5, Italy, 1:03:33.0; 6, Germany, 1:04:01.4. 8, Britain, 1:05:09.8. Men: 100km team time trial: 1, Italy (F Anastasia, L Colombo, G Conti, A Perpin), 1hr 54min 48.5sec; 2, Germany, 1:57:21.6; 3, Norway, 1:57:39.0; 4, Poland, 1:59:30.5; 5, Netherlands, 1:59:45.0; 6, France, 1:59:10.0. 11, Britain, 2:00:26.8.

SWIMMING

European championships, Athens

DIVING: 1m springboard: Men: Final: 1, A Semenyk (USSR), 395.19pts; 2, P Boehler (Ger), 383.76; 3, E Jongejans (Neth), 369.84; 4, J Andersson (Swe), 365.58; 5, R Morgan (Can), 351.60. Women (qualifiers for final): C Shmaltsev (Ger), 240.18; H Barlowa (Cz), 230.40; L Blasilo (It), 226.92; C Awalet (Switz), 197.88. Non-qualifier: N Bishop (GB), 193.05
Men: 100m butterfly: Final: 1, V Kulikov (USSR), 54.22sec; 2, M Lopez-Zubero (Sp), 54.50; 3, N Rudolph (Ger), 54.31; 4, P Szotsits (Pol), 54.39; 5, B Gutzeit (Fr), 54.62; 6, T Haase (Ger), 55.07; 7, F Esposito (Fr), 55.16; 8, R Leishman (GB), 55.36. 5 finals: 1, P Khnykin (USSR), 54.78.
SYNCHRONISED SWIMMING: Solo final: 1, D Sadakova (USSR), 180.286pts; 2, C Thalassinidou (Gr), 178.802; 3, A Capron (Fr), 175.920. 5, K Shaddock (GB), 171.010.

GOLF

WREXHAM: Welsh team championship: Third round: Wrexham bt Warwick Castle, 3-2; Mold bt Vale of Llangollen, 3-2; Bargoed bt Pyle and Kenfig, 3-2; Cardiff bt Llandudno (Maesdu), 3-2; Rhuddlan bt Ashburnham, 4-1; Wes Monmouthshire bt Pontypridd, 3-2; Radyr bt Bryn Meadows, 3½-1½; Flint bt Langland Bay, 4-1.
BURHILL, Surrey: Family foursome: Second round: Mrs C Newman and P Newman (Walton Heath) bt Mrs A Wade (Hadley Wood) and S Wade (South Herts), 19th hole; Mrs E E Morgan and S Morgan (West Sussex) bt A J Cox and Miss A Cox (St George's Hill), 5 and 4; Mrs S Tilling and G Gadney (Royal Wimbledon) bt Mrs N McDowall and M McDowall (Kingswood), 2 and 1; Mrs C Caldwell and R Caldwell (Sunningdale) bt Mrs J Walker and E W C Walker (Royal Mid-Surrey), 19th hole; Mrs E P Dale and C J Dale (Goring and Streatley) bt Mrs J Rose Hyslop (Ganton) and S Rose (Burhill), 5 and 4; Mrs B Ritchie and S Ritchie (West Sussex) bt Mrs A Cotton and R Cotton (St George's Hill), 2 and 1. Mrs S Cox and S Cox (Burnham Beeches) bt Mrs W Lloyd and R G Lloyd (Berkshire), 3 and 2; Mrs C S Parker (Sunningdale) bt M Perfect (Moor Hall) br Mrs J K Tullis and K Tullis (Sunningdale), 1 up; M Hendelson (Blackmoor) and Mrs A Whateley (West Hill) bt Mrs L Mallett and A Mallett (Ashford Manor), 4 and 3; Mrs J H Thorne and J Thorne (Woking) bt Mrs M A Williamson and C A Williamson (Hadley Wood), 1 up; Mrs S Donald and C J Donald (West Sussex) bt Mrs S Stradling and M J Stading (Roehampton), 1 up; Mrs L Gilbert and A S Gilbert (Burhill) bt Mrs J Henderson and S D Best (Burhill), 5 and 4; Mrs F Ralph and J Ralph (Ellesborough) bt Mrs M Kidd and A B Kidd (St George's Hill), 3 and 1; Mrs J Cresswell and R B Cresswell (Wentworth) bt Mrs E Alderson and J Alderson (Effingham), 5 and 3; Mrs R Boyd and A Boyd (Berkshire) bt Mrs D Campbell and A Campbell (St George's Hill), 4 and 3; J M R McKissack and Mrs H L Ray (Royal Wimbledon) bt Mrs J Blick and P Blick (Purley Downs), 2 and 1; Mrs J A Tate and R D Tate (Royal Ashdown Forest) bt Mrs L Sechiari and P Sechiari (Woking), 7 and 6. Mrs B Poulter and C Poulter (Foxhills) bt J K Tullis and Miss K Tullis (Sunningdale), 5 and 2; Mrs A Tudor (Langefield Court) and H Tudor (Royal Ashdown) bt Mrs M Craufurd and R Craufurd (Temple), 3 and 2; Mrs L C Defoy (Maidenhead) and S Defoy (Coombe Hill) bt J Adlen and Mrs A Sims (Datchet), 1 up; Mrs P Buckrell and G Buckrell (Mid-Herts) bt Mrs A M Mottl and D M G Mayle (Tandridge), 2 and 1; Mrs S Birley and E Birley (Tandridge) bt Mrs P Banks and M Banks (West Sussex), 5 and 5

SHOOTING

BISLEY: National smallbore rifle meeting: Charrington Gardner Lockie Trophy (50m): 1, J Oliphant (Basildon), 397, 2, D Baker (East Antrim), 396; 3, P Strong (Maidenhead), 395 (after roping-off). Miller Morris Memorial Trophy (50m): 1, G Wash (Bon Accord), 393; 2, G Doe (Maidenhead), 391, 3, Oliphant 391. Power Palmer Cup (100yd): 1, W MacDonald (Clackmannadsh), 395 (397); 2, G Dutt (CYMS), 395 (396); 3, A Woolger (Shoreham), 394. Senior Service Cup (100yd): 1, Dutt 398; 2, A Eusterace (East Barnet), 395; 3, J Barrage (London), 393

ROWING

VIENNA: World championships: Women: Lightweight sculls (final qualifiers): Britain (S Appelboom), Brain 12.13sec; Canada, 8.14.20; Sweden, 8.16.80. Coxless fours (final qualifiers): Germany, 6.42.02; Romania, 6.43.35; United States, 6.40.87; Britain, 6.43.53. Lightweight coxless fours (final qualifiers): Britain, 7.28.83; Germany, 7.34.44; Australia, 7.29.37; Canada, 7.35.81. Double sculls (final qualifiers): Soviet Union, 7.06.52; Britain, 7.08.13; China, 7.11.63; Bulgaria, 7.13.33. Coxless pairs (final qualifiers): United States, 7.39.51; Romania, 7.45.70; Canada, 7.36.35; Britain, 7.42.40. Men: Lightweight sculls (semi-final qualifiers): Canada, 7.21.28; Mexico, 7.22.63; Denmark, 7.18.79; Britain, (P Haining), 7.21.01; United States, 7.14.46; New Zealand, 7.20.37; Portugal, 7.25.30; Belgium, 7.30.40. Lightweight quad sculls (semi-final qualifiers): Denmark, 6.24.83; Britain, 6.27.07; Cuba, 6.28.04; Sweden 6.23.01; Germany 6.25.36; Netherlands, 6.29.05; France, 6.34.37; Czechoslovakia, 6.29.18; Yugoslavia, 6.29.22. Double sculls (semi-final qualifiers): Germany, 6.35.66; Belgium, 6.35.87; Hungary, 6.39.14; Czechoslovakia, 6.43.63; Australia, 8.45.81; Finland, 6.51.49; United States, 6.51.25; Italy, 6.51.98; Britain, third in heat, 6.46.62, go to C final. Coxless fours (final qualifiers): Italy, 6.22.40; France 6.22.65; Netherlands, 6.19.95; Germany, 6.20.43; Britain, third in heat 6.25.49, to B final. Eights (final qualifiers): Canada, 5.48.77; Britain, 5.49.63; China, 5.50.21; New Zealand, 5.50.92.

TENNIS

WASHINGTON: Virginia Slims women's tournament: First round: R Zvereva (Cz) bt N Zvereva (USSR), 6-4, 7-5; L Gildemeister (Peru) bt G Magers (US), 3-6, 6-2, 6-2; A Minter (Aus) bt R Wise (US), 6-4, 6-1; P Shiver (US) bt E Reinach (SA), 6-2, 6-3. Second round: A Sanchez Vicario (Sp) bt N Reichstova (Cz), 6-4, 6-4; M J Fernandez (US) bt M De Swardt (SA), 6-4, 6-1; G Fernandez (US) bt A Strnadova (Cz), 6-0, 7-5

WATER SKI RACING

DARWIN, Australia: World championships: Teams: 1, Soviet Union, 2, Italy, 3, France, 4, Great Britain. Men: Overall: 1, A Alessi (It), 2,270pts; 2, P Suzzoni (It), 2,015; 3, O Devyatovskiy (USSR), 2,002. Jump: 1, Alessi, 57.2m; 2, D Dobringer (Austria), 56.0; 3, C Perez (Fr), 54.1. Slalom: 1, J Battleday (GB), 4 buoys at 1.1m, 2, M Bartolelli (Switz), 3 at 11; 3, P Cassin (Fr), 3½ at 11. Tricks: 1, N La Fransace (Fr), 8,910; 2, Buzzetta, 8,450; 3, Devyatovskiy, 8,200. Women: Overall: 1, O Pavlova (USSR), 2,084, 2, N Ivanova (USSR), 2,058; 3, F Savin (Fr), 2,036. Jump: 1, B Grabe (Austria), 39.5m; 2, O Gubarenko (USSR), 38.5; 3, C Gusenbauer (Austria), 38.4, 4, P Roberts (GB), 38.1. Slalom: 1, Roberts, 2 buoys at 12m; 2, Gubarenko, 1 at 12; 3, J Gromyko (USSR), 4 at 13. Tricks: 1, Pavlova, 7,030; 2, Ivanova, 7,000; 3, F Savin, 6,750; 4, C Williams (GB), 5,470

TODAY'S FIXTURES

FOOTBALL

7.30 unless stated
PONTINS LEAGUE: Second division: Blackpool v Stoke (7.0); Huddersfield v Leicester.
LEAGUE OF IRELAND CUP: First round: Kilkenny v Waterford (6.30); Dundalk v Drogheda (8.0); Monaghan v Athlone (6.30); Sligo v Derry (6.30); Bohemians v St James Gate (6.30).

OTHER SPORT

BOWLS: Woolwich EBA national championships (Worthing). County matches: London Parks v Hampshire (at Forest Hill); Oxfordshire v Herefordshire (at Chipping Norton).
EQUESTRIANISM: European Junior Horse Trials (Rotherfield Park).
GOLF: PGA assistant championship (Wentworth); British women's strokeplay championship (Long Ashton).
POLO: Cheltenham Cup (Cirencester Park); Eduardo Moore memorial tournament (RCB/PC Winkfield); Edinburgh Cup (Edinburgh).
SHOOTING: National smallbore rifle championships (Bisley).
SPEEDWAY: Ipswich: Star of Anglia (7.30); Sunbrite League: Second division: Middlesbrough v Glasgow (7.30); Sheffield v Rye House (7.45).
TENNIS: Midland Bank British junior championships (Nottingham).
YACHTING: 505 national championships (Mount's Bay, Cornwall); Laser nationals (Mumbles YC).

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IN BRIEF

Montana upstaged

DAN Marino, the Miami Dolphins quarterback, has taken over from San Francisco's Joe Montana as the highest-paid player in National Football League history.

A five-year extension of his contract is reputed to be worth 25 million dollars (£15.6 million), surpassing Montana's $3.5 million a year.

RIFLE SHOOTING: *The Times* Challenge Cup, which is awarded annually at the National Smallbore Rifle Association meeting at Bisley for a match at 100 yards among the up and coming class D competitors was won yesterday by Lynn Ball, of Hull Rifle Club, scoring 377 out of 400.

☐ Geoffrey Doe, the development officer of the National Smallbore Rifle Association who shoots for Maidenhead Rifle Club, was yesterday leading the field with 2,144 points out of a possible 2,300 for the overall championship, the grand aggregate of the association's Bisley meeting.

BOWLS: David Bryant, aged 60, has been left out of the England team for the seventh world championships at Worthing from August 8 to 23 next year for the first time since the inaugural championships in 1966. Tony Allcock will play in the singles.

TEAM: singles: A Allcock (Gloucestershire). Fours: J Ottoway (Norfolk), R Cutts (Suffolk), A Thomson (Kent), J Bell (Cumbria). Pairs: Ottoway, Allcock. Triples: Cutts, Thomson, Bell.

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Everton exploit problems of League champions

Angry Graham promises to end complacency

By LOUISE TAYLOR

IN THE cold light of the morning, after Tuesday night's unscheduled 3-1 defeat at Everton, a grim-faced George Graham pondered how best to reshuffle his pack in time for Saturday's visit to Aston Villa.

Graham's Arsenal, the defending first division champions, were defeated only once in the League last season but, with the new campaign but four days old, Mark Ward (twice) and Tony Cottee emphasised that this impressive statistic is now irrelevant.

Having seen his side, who conceded only eight away goals last season, also stutter to an unconvincing 1-1 draw with Queen's Park Rangers last Saturday, Graham is not the happiest of managers and some carefully-chosen words left his players in no doubt as to his mood yesterday.

"If they do not want to do it for the club, they will be out of the side," he said. "I will not tolerate players who refuse to give 100 per cent, and some did not at Everton. But I can soon stop complacency. The thing we most need now is the desire to win. That is the key. How much do the players want to do it? I have to say that, Alan Smith's performance apart, I was disappointed with the manner in which we lost at Everton.

"The bulk of the players on that pitch were those who played in two championship-winning teams, yet Everton were a much better team. Yet I know what my players can achieve, and although I might need one or two more to strengthen the squad, I do not need to get involved in wholesale buying."

Two would-be pretenders to Arsenal's crown met at Elland Road, where Gary McAllister's goal secured Leeds United a 1-0 win against Nottingham Forest. Notts County, newly promoted, beat Southampton by the same score at Meadow Lane, courtesy of Dean Yates, while Sheffield United and West Ham United shared the points, drawing 1-1 at Bramall Lane.

That match was marred by seven bookings on the pitch, plus further yellow cards for Vinny Jones, of Sheffield, and Mitchell Thomas, of West Ham, in the tunnel which could result in suspensions for the pair.

However, Dave Bassett, the home manager, dismissed the tunnel incident as "a bit of mickey-taking between Jones and Thomas. "The officials failed to see the funny side," he said, "but they are two of the greatest pals in football, and it was a bit of a wind-up."

Considering that 21 goals have illuminated Barnet's opening two fixtures of the season, the League's latest recruits conceding 12 of them, it seemed sensible when Barry Fry announced that his team would be turning full-time yesterday.

On Tuesday night, the Barnet manager watched his players share ten goals in a Rumbelows Cup first round, first leg draw with Brentford, and yesterday he conceded that "seven of those players were part-time, and it showed."

"I now realise that we have to go full-time if we are to seriously challenge in the League," he said, "and I will consider the season a failure if we do not make the play-offs."

John Aldridge may claim he is struggling to re-adjust to the pace of the English game after his sojourn in Spain, but proof that defenders are failing to contain him was supplied at Halifax in the Rumbelows Cup, when the former Liverpool forward scored his fifth goal in two matches for Tranmere Rovers, who finished 4-3 winners.



Centre of attention: Bubka is surrounded by reporters on his arrival in Tokyo yesterday for the forthcoming world championships

Bubka leads Soviet athletes into Tokyo

By JOHN GOODBODY

AS THE coup appeared to collapse in Moscow yesterday, a contented Sergey Bubka, the world record-holder in the pole vault, led the first group of Soviet athletes to arrive in Tokyo for the world championships.

Bubka, well-known supporter of Mikhail Gorbachev, was escorted by three leading Soviet medal contenders: Natalya Lisovskaya, the favourite for the women's shot put, Yuro Sedykh, the hammer thrower, and Igor Kazanov, the 110 metres hurdler.

After two days of uncertainty, their arrival confirmed that the Soviet Union would be competing in the nine-day championships that begin on Saturday. Igor Ter-Ovanesyan, the president of the Soviet athletics federation, said that the rest of the team, presently in Vladivostock, should reach Nagoya today.

Police have increased security at the stadium and athletes village, which officially opens today for the 1,700 athletes from 160 countries. While a spokesman said that this was not connected with the attempted overthrow of Gorbachev, the Soviet president, another police official said they had already stepped up their guard on the Soviet Embassy, which is near the athletes' village.

Following an all-night meeting of the organisers, the Paris-Moscow-Peking motor rally, due to start on September 1, was yesterday cancelled because of the uncertain situation in the Soviet Union. They said they could not guarantee the safety of the 260 contestants during the ten days when the rally would pass through the country.

Manchester United expect to get permission from Uefa, European football's governing body, for Andrej Kanchelskis, one of the club's close-season signings, to fly direct to Oslo on Sunday for the Soviet Union's European championship qualifying match against Norway on Wednesday.

Alex Ferguson, the United manager, wants Kanchelskis, who made his debut against Notts County last Saturday, to be available for the match at Everton at the weekend.

The Soviet Football Federation would like Kanchelskis, and also Oleg Kuznetsov and Alexei Mikhailichenko, the two Rangers players, to go to Moscow to join the rest of the international squad before travelling to Norway. Dr Viacheslav Koloskov, its president, has told Fifa that he will be responsible for the three players.

Wales vetoes telecast

THE satellite television broadcast of Tuesday night's Skol Cup first-round tie between Morton and Celtic at Cappielow was cancelled after the Welsh Football Association refused to give permission for the transmission to be received within their jurisdiction (Roddy Forsyth writes). A delayed transmission of the game, or highlights, were also abandoned.

The Welsh FA and the Football Association of Ireland (FAI) protested to the broadcasters, BSkyB, on Tuesday but yesterday the FAI agreed to the telecast.

Andy Melvin, the executive sports producer for BSkyB in Scotland, said: "For two years we have broadcast throughout the British Isles. Now suddenly we have objections which could cause serious difficulties for future broadcasts of games in Scotland and England."

Morton and Celtic lost fees of £50,000 each from BSkyB. John Wilson, the Morton chairman, said: "We had based a lot of our financial calculations for the season on the fact that this game was to be televised. We are very upset."

Gooch plans to round off season with more success

By ALAN LEE, CRICKET CORRESPONDENT

CRICKET thrives nationally when the England team succeeds and wilts in the public consciousness when it loses. For proof, listen to the children's toys expert who said yesterday that the boom sale of the past few weeks has been cricket bats. Or listen to the officials at Lord's, who chortle that they expect to take £500,000 from the Cornhill Test that begins there today.

This, remember, not only in a recession but against unfashionable Sri Lanka, dismissed by most bookmakers as 20-1 outsiders to upset Graham Gooch and the heroes of the Oval.

Lord's will not, of course, be full on any of the five days. That would be too much to expect. But the word yesterday was that ticket sales were already 40 per cent up on those for Sri Lanka's last Test here, in 1988. That game was played in a more favourable economic climate, but a greatly depressed cricketing climate. It was the summer of four captains, four defeats, disgrace and disarray.

The constant is Gooch. The 1988 game was his second as England captain and he won it. Few were convinced that he would last very much longer in the job than those who had come and gone so briskly earlier in the year and, at the time, few were wrong. His second coming has been a revelation, but so professional is the man that if today's events initially resemble a lap of honour, it will be conducted in the minds of the spectators, not the players.

"Winning two Tests, drawing the series against West Indies and winning the one-day competition makes it a reasonably good season," Gooch reflected yesterday. "But another win would round it off nicely. There will be no sense of anti-climax. This is a very important game, just like the others."

With both the England management and the public refusing to patronise the Sri Lankans, what chance can they be given? Strictly on the evidence of their form against the counties, precious little. They have taken only 54 wickets in ten innings during those fixtures and their prospects of dismissing England even once, let alone twice, are remote.

Their best hopes lie in batting first and giving England a total to respect. They have the players to do this, notably their captain, de Silva, who is to play with a painkilling injection in his right shoulder. He has made runs around the world, but, oddly, failed four times in his two previous Tests at Lord's. If Sri Lanka are to make a game of it, he must rectify the omission.

Pringle is the obvious candidate to drop out of England's 12 this morning, unless it is felt that DeFreitas's lacklustre county form indicates the need for a rest. Stewart or Ramprakash will bat at No. 3 with Smith remaining at No. 4 and the No. 6 place reverting to Botham's care for the first time since 1989.

Botham's presence is as good a reason as any for the public to turn up and, if they do, it will be a sobering sight for those county chairmen who still claim the game is run for the England team rather than their own parochial interests. It is the success of the England team, and the £5 million-plus generated by them this year, which keep those parochial interests alive.

LORD'S DETAILS

ENGLAND (from): G A Gooch (capt), H Morris, A J Stewart, R A Smith, M R Ramprakash, I T Botham, C C Lewis, R C Russell, P A J DeFreitas, D V Lawrence, P C R Tufnell, D R Pringle.

SRI LANKA (from): D S B Kuruppu, R S Mahanama, U C Hathurusinghe, P A de Silva (capt), A P Gurusinha, S T Jayasuriya, H P Tillekeratne, R J Ratnayake, H C P Ramanayake, M Muralitharan, S D Anurasiri, K I W Wijegunawardena.

Umpires: H D Bird and J H Hampshire.

TELEVISION: BBC2: 10.50am - 1.05pm, 1.35 - 6.40. Sky Sports: Highlights, 9pm - 11.

WEATHER: Rather cloudy, but it will become brighter with some sunshine. However, thundery showers are likely during the afternoon.

Lyle's challenge: victory or bust

From MITCHELL PLATTS, GOLF CORRESPONDENT, DÜSSELDORF

VICTORY in the Volvo German Open, starting here today, is the only way that Sandy Lyle or Ronan Rafferty will get a chance to take part in Europe's defence of the Ryder Cup against the Americans in South Carolina next month.

Bernard Gallacher, Europe's captain, said yesterday: "I'm keeping an open mind on whom to pick on Sunday night but both Sandy and Ronan will have to win to come under consideration. I've told Sandy what he has to do and it's up to him now.

"I wish Ronan had earlier this season got into the mood he seems to be in now. He is at the age [27] when he should be starting to dominate. He's a fine player, but he might have left it too late."

Gallacher's allegiance to Lyle and Rafferty indicates that he is prepared to make a hasty review of the situation on Sunday when the top nine in the Ryder Cup points list will automatically qualify.

The most likely occurrence is that José-Maria Olazábal, who is defending the World Series of Golf in Ohio, will drop out of ninth place. With so many permutations for the ninth place, Gallacher will not assess the situation until the halfway cut is made here. He will, however select Olazábal, along with Nick Faldo, which leaves more than a dozen contenders for the final place.

Gallacher said: "I'm certainly not worried about there being new faces in the team because I feel you want youngsters who are hungry. They have no fear about them.

"But it's a big week for guys like Sam Torrance because we know how much he wants to play. He got pushed out of the top nine last week with David Gilford winning the English Open, so he's got the pressure on him now."

Torrance is likely to accept an invitation to compete in New York the week before the Ryder Cup and Gallacher made a Freudian slip when discussing the arrival of the European team in Kiawah Island to prepare for the match from September 27 to 29: "Someone like Sam knows the importance of the Ryder Cup week. We will arrive there at the same time irrespective of where we are coming from. We'll all be there on the Monday. I'd imagine Sam would be there on the Sunday."

Torrance is under pressure from Per-Ulrik Johansson, who has been in the top six in his last three tournaments, and Mark James.

James demonstrated his liking for the Hubbelrath course with a 64 in the pro-am yesterday when Gilford retained his form with a 65. Lyle and Johansson both took 68 but Torrance took 75, along with Steven Richardson and Bernhard Langer.

League's executors to appeal

By PETER BALL

THE High Court's decision to appoint executors to run the Football League until October 2 has had immediate consequences. The executors, Arthur Sandford, the League's chief executive, and Ian Watt of the accountants, Peat, Marwick, McLintock, yesterday lodged the League's appeal against the High Court judgment allowing the Football Association to set up its Premier League next season.

Rick Parry, the chairman of the first division clubs, criticised the decision to seek an executor. He argued that the vacuum left on the inquorate League management committee, caused by the resignation of the first division clubs last Friday, could be filled by an extraordinary meeting. "Are they now going to run to the courts every time there is a problem?" Parry asked.

The final decision about an appeal will go to the League EGM in London on September 10.

Dorigo sounds a note of caution

By CLIVE WHITE

PERHAPS it was just as well that Leeds United faltered in the cup competitions last season, otherwise the pressure of expectation could have proved to be unbearable for Howard Wilkinson and his team this season as they strive to restore the days of wine and roses to the Yorkshire club.

Presumably, if Wilkinson thought it at all possible he would have played down the fanfare which has greeted the start of a season which, after all, is only the second on their return to the first division after an eight-year absence.

The supporters were entitled to the firework display prior to Tuesday's 1-0 win against Nottingham Forest after the dud start when last Saturday's match at Crystal Palace was postponed because of unfinished building work. The noise of the bangers, however, was nothing compared with the deafening din from the terraces which prompted Tony Dorigo, a newcomer to it all following his £1.3 million signing from Chelsea, to remark that the players had looked "to see if the stand roof was lifting off." Leeds started pretty explosively, too, scoring after 12 minutes through Gary McAllister and just about deserving to hold on.

Dorigo, who failed to score any significant points off Stuart Pearce, his rival for the England No. 3 shirt, in front of Graham Taylor, the England manager, warned of expecting too much.

"I remember Chelsea did a similar thing to Leeds in that they won the second division championship, finished in the top six the first season back and then splashed out a load of money. We were all thinking we were going to have a great season — and finished tenth."

It was not surprising that the outstanding performers against Forest were those who already possess an intimate knowledge of the set-up, such as Batty and Speed.

IAAF agrees four-year ban for drug use

From DAVID MILLER
IN TOKYO

KEEP politics out of sport, they say. Nothing could have been more political than the behind-the-scenes deals at the IAAF Congress that led to yesterday's acceptance of a biennial world championship and a long overdue four-year ban for positive drug tests.

For Primo Nebiolo, the president, it has been a mixed week. Wanting the first South African competitors back in the international arena, he was unable to achieve this. Determined to have a second world championship within the four-year cycle, he succeeded overwhelmingly. The Congress also resisted a council proposal that threatened the continuation of the headquarters in London.

For three months or more, Britain, among others, has been planning two critical moves: resistance to an additional championship, that would further overcrowd the calendar — needing some 50 votes to block it — and the implementation of a life ban for positive drug offenders. David Bedford, the former 10,000 metres world record-holder, was a leading negotiator among sympathetic countries on both issues.

Andy Norman, also representing the British board, realising that opposition to the second championship was a lost cause, offered an equation to the Americas and Africans: we'll drop the opposition to the championship, together with European trends, if you support the four-year ban.

Considering that the championship probably could not be defeated anyway, this was sound bargaining. The four countries seeking varying extensions of the current two-year ban — Ireland three years, Britain life, plus New Zealand and Canada — agreed on a common compromise: four years, to embrace the following championship in any four-year cycle.

Nebiolo, pressing for the championship, which is effectively already agreed for Stuttgart in 1993 and Gothenburg in 1995, threw in the financial ace. He revealed that rival bids from television for the complete IAAF programme 1992-1995 were $50 million from the European Broadcasting Union, and $70 million from UFA, part of the German media conglomerate.

With marketing, this would raise IAAF income from $65 million gross for 1988-91 to $140 million for 1992-95. Vote against the championship, Nebiolo said, and you vote against your own interests.

The members, to most of whom money for developing the sport means far more than resisting a programme schedule that will inevitably lower the peak performances of many of the best athletes, voted in favour by 133 out of 150 present, with none against.

Britain achieved the drugs ban that must be the minimum acceptable to any rational athlete. If you are guilty in one Olympics, as Ben Johnson was, there should be no question of competing in the next. Yesterday's move should provoke the laggardly IOC into following suit.

Lamine Diack, of Senegal, proposed that the council (executive board) should have the right to change the location of the headquarters. The IAAF has several times been sued in London courts, he argued, and should seek a city where they were "guaranteed autonomy".

The representative of Fiji, however, said: "You are the management and we are the shareholders. If you want to change the regulations, come and ask us with a good reason. London, he said, is the travel fulcrum of the globe." Morocco echoed this opinion. End of motion.

Most athletes against two-year gap

MOST senior British athletes, who have voted 3-1 in favour of continuing the four-year gap between world championships, have spoken out against holding the event every two years, which the International Amateur Athletic Federation decided yesterday. They say that too much is being asked of them on top of the European championships, the Olympic Games and the Commonwealth Games.

"You cannot bring yourself up mentally year after year," Tom McKean, a European champion, said. Yvonne Murray, another European champion, said: "It demeans the world championships." The javelin throwers, Steve Backley and Mick Hill, were in favour, however.

New javelins thrown out

From DAVID POWELL
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TOKYO 1991

STEVE Backley will go into the world championships this weekend still not knowing whether he has won his campaign to have certain types of javelin banned.

Backley's letter, urging that the rules governing the specifications of javelins should be tightened, was read to the International Amateur Athletic Federation (IAAF) congress here yesterday, but a verdict on the issue will not be delivered until Wednesday, by which time Backley hopes to be world champion.

If he succeeds, it may not be entirely on merit. "With the javelins we are using, there is an element of luck involved now," Backley said.

Yesterday, the IAAF went as far as outlawing rough-tailed javelins, and therefore the aerodynamic advantage they offer, but only from the end of this season. Therefore the controversial Nemeth model, which Jan Zelezny used to erase Backley's first world record, and the Sandvik Champion, which Seppo Raty used to take Backley's second world record (90.98 metres), itself set with a Nemeth, will be allowed when the world title is contested.

With the latest world record, Raty's 96.96 metres in June, javelin distances are again approaching the stadium-length throws which caused the IAAF to introduce new specifications in 1986 for safety reasons. Records were started afresh and that is likely to happen again from next season. The alternative would be to revert to Backley's first world record, the 89.58 metres he threw in Stockholm last year, the last set with a smooth-tailed javelin. The governing body's council, which meets next Wednesday, has been left to decide. "There has been so much faffing about that records have been devalued," Backley said.

Clearly he would like his record restored. "The longer they stand the better they are, and at least the smooth model has been around since 1986," he added.

Another record is in jeopardy, according to John Regis. The winner of four medals at last year's European championships, he believes that the 4 x 100 metres world record of 37.67sec, held by the United States, could fall to Britain.

Linford Christie's differences with Frank Dick, Britain's director of coaching, are settled now and the relay squad is practising regularly. "This has probably been the hardest training we have done in our athletic careers: 37.67 is quick but 37.40 is quicker," Regis said, implying the faster time was within Britain's reach.

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